ANNO XXXI. HENRICI VIII.

HENRY the viij. by the grace of God king of England & of Fraunce, defender of ỳ faith, Lord of Ireland, & in earth supreme head immediatlye vnder Christe of the Churrh of England, to the honoure of Almighty God, conseruacion of the true doctrine of Christes religion, and for the concorde, quiete and wealth of this his realme and subiectes of the same, held his most high court of Parliament, begonne at westminster the xxviij. daye of Aprill, and there continued til the xviij day of June, the xxxj. yere of his moste noble and victorious reigne, wherein were established these actes following.

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FOr as muche as by the common lawes of this realme dyuers of the kings subiects, being seysed of manours landes, tenementes and hereditamentes as ioyntenaunts, or as tenauntes in common, wyth other of anye estate of inheritaunce, in theyr owne rightes, or in the righte of theyr wyues, by purchase descent or otherwyse, and euery of theim so being ioynte tenauntes, or tenauntes in common, haue like right title interest and possession in the same manours landes tenements, and hereditaments for theyr partes or porcions ioyntly or in common vndeuidedly togither wyth other, & none of them by the law doth or maye know their seuerall partes or porcions in the same, or that that is his or theirs by it selfe vndeuided: and can not by the lawes of this realme otherwyse occupy or take the profites of the same, or make anye seuerance deuision or partition therof, wythout other of ther mutual assents & consents: by reason wherof diuers and many of them, being so ioyntly and vndeuisedly seised of the sayd manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oftētimes of theyr peruers couetous and malicious mindes and willes, against all right, iustice, equity and good cōscience, by strength and power, haue not onely cut and fallen downe al the woods and trees growing vpon the same, but also haue extirped subuerted pulled downe, & destroyed all the houses edifications, and buildinges, medowes, pastures, commons, and the whole commodities of the same, and haue takē & conuerted them to theyr owne vses and behoues, to the open wronge and disherison, and against the minds & wills of other, holding the same manours lands tenements and hereditamentes ioyntlye or in common wyth them, and they haue beene alwayes without assured remedy for the same. Be it therefore enacted by the king our most dread soueraigne lord, and by thassente of the lords spirituall & tēporall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all ioynt tenauntes, and tenaunts in common that now be, or hereafter shal be of anye estate or estates of inheritaunce in theyr owne ryghtes, or in the right of theyr wiues of any manours lands tenements or hereditaments wythin this realme of England, Wales, or the marches of the same, shall & may be coacted and compelled, by vertue of this present acte, to make partition betweene them of al such manours lands tenements and hereditamentes as they now holde, or hereafter shall hold as ioynt tenantes or tenauntes in cōmon, by writ De participatione facienda, in that case to be deuised in the king our soueraigne lords court of chauncerye, in like maner and forme as coperceners by the common lawes of this realme haue ben & are compelled to do, and the same wryt to be pursued at the common lawe.

Prouided alway and be it enacted, that euery of the sayde ioynt tenantes or tenauntes in common, and theyr heyres, after such partition made,

shal and may haue ayde of the other, or of their heyres to the intent to dereigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is vsed betwene coperceners after partition made by the order of the common law, any thing in this act contayned to the contrary notwythstanding.

An acte that fishing in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote wyth an intent to steale fish out of thy same is felony. Cap. ij.

WHere as diuers and many of the lordes knightes Esquiers gentlemen, and other the kinges subiectes wythin this his realme, at theyr great costes and charges haue caused to be made wythin their seuerall groundes manye pondes stewes and motes, and stoared them wyth diuers kindes of fishes, as pykes breames carpes tenches and other fishes whereof they haue thought to haue had great commodity, as well for the pleasure of theyr frendes, as for theyr owne commoditye and profite towards the necessary finding of theyr houses, diuers and many lighte and vnreasonable personnes of this realme, beinge of no good rule nor honestye, little or nothing regarding God, the feare of theyr souereigne lorde the kinges highnes, nor his lawes, haue not onely fished the sayd pondes stewes and motes as wel by night as by day, wyth nettes hookes and baites of diuers sortes, but also wyth greate nomber of misruled personnes, haue entered into such grounds, and there, wyth great violence haue broken vp the heades of the said pondes stewes and motes, and destroyed and taken the fishe of the same ponds, stewes and motes, to the great displeasures and losses of the owners of the sayd pondes stewes and motes, and contrary to all good reason right and conscience. Wherfore be it enacted by the king our sayd souereigne lord, wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that as well all maner of fishinges wyth any nettes hookes or baytes, of what kinde soeuer they be, in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote, wyth an intent to steale fishe oute of the same, done or committed at anye time after the feast of ỳ Natiuitye of sainct John Baptiste nexte comminge, that is to saye, in the xxxi. yeare of the raigne of oure sayde souereigne lorde, from the houre of sixe in the euentyde, vnto the houre of sixe in the morninge agaynste the wylles and mindes of the owners or possessioners of suche pondes stewes or motes, as also the vnlawfull breakinge vppe of the head of any seuerall ponde stewe or mote, by daye or by nighte, after the sayd feaste, wythout colour of title so to doe, whereby any fishe of the same ponde stewe or mote, is taken or destroyed againste the will or minde of the owner or possessioner of the same, be to all intentes deemed taken and adiudged felony: and that those personnes so offendinge, shall haue and suffer all suche paynes of death, and punishmentes

mentes,as other felons ought to haue and suffre for felony by the course of the lawes of this realme.

And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye suche euell disposed persons, after the feast before limitted, doe tithe in the daye time,at any other time thē is before rehersed,in any such seuerall pondes,stewes,or motes, with any māer of nettes,hokes or baites,as is afore said,what kind soeuer they be of,against ẏ will, pleasure & mind of the owners or possessors of the same seuerall pondes,stewes or motes,not hauing any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicte at ẏ suite of our soueraigne lorde the kinge, or the partie greued: that then the said parties so conuicted,shall suffre imprisonment by the space of three monethes,and after the said three monethes expired,shal finde sufficient suretye for his or their good aberinge, or els to remaine still in prison without baile or mainepryse, vnto such tyme he or they can finde such suretye.

An act changing the custome of Gauelkynde. Capi.iii.

The kynge our soueraigne lorde,for diuers considerations his maiesty mouinge,by auctoritee of this his high courte of parliamēt,enacteth,ordeineth and establisheth,that as well all the lordshippes,maners,landes,tenements,woodes,pastures,rentes,seruices,reuersions,remainders,aduousons & al other what so euer hereditaments set lyng and being within the county of Kente,of the whiche Thomas Crumwell knight of his honorable order of the Garter,lord Crumwell of Wimbledō lord priuie seale,Thomas Burgh knight lord burgh,George Broke knight lorde Cobham,Andrew Windsor knight,lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheiny knight treasourer of our said soueraigne lorde the kinges moste honorable houlholde,Christofer Hales knight maister of the Rolles of our said soueraigne lordes court of the chauncery,Thomas willoughby knight one of ẏ iudges of the kings court of the cōmon place,Anthony Saintleger knight Edwarde wotton knight,Edwarde Boueton knight, Roger Cholmeley knight serieaunt at lawe, John Champneis knighte, John Baker squyre our said soueraigne lorde the kinges generall attourneie,Reinolde Scotte squier,John Guildford squier,Thomas Kempe squier,Edward Thwaittis squier, William Roper squyre, Anthonye Sandes squier, Edwarde Isaac squier, Perciuall Hart squier, Edwarde Wonyns squier, William Whetnall squier, John Fogge squier, Edmonde Fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardres squier, William Waller squier, Thomas Wilforde squier, Thomas Moile squier, Thomas Harlakinden esquier,Geffrey Lee squier James Hales, Henry Husee, and Thomas Roidon gentilmen, or any of them is or be seised to his or their owne vse or vses, in fee simple or in fee taile,the which nowe bene of the tenure and nature of Gauelkinde & heretofore haue bene departed, or be departible betwene heires males, by the

custome of Gauelkynde, shall from hens forth be clerely changed from the said custome tenure and nature of Gauelkinde, and in no wise hereafter be departed or departible by the said custome of Gauelkinde, betwene heires males, but shall remayne reuert abyde descende come and be after and according as lordshipps manors landes tenements and other hereditaments do or maie descende remaine reuert abide come or be, according to the common lawe of this realme, and as other manors landes & tenemẽtes being in ỹ said countie of Kent, which neuer were holdẽ by seruice of socage, but be & alwaies haue ben holdẽ by knights seruice, do discend remaine reuert abide come and be: And in like maner to discende, and be discendable, remaine reuert come and be inheritable to the heyre or heyres, after and according to the sayd cõmon lawes of this realme of Englãde. And that all & singular the sayde lordshippes, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamẽts wyth thappurtenaũces of the sayde lorde Crumwell, lorde Burghe, lorde Cobham, lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheiny Chriſtopher hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edwarde wotton, Edwarde Boueton, Roger Cholmeleye, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinolde Scot, John Guldforde, Thomas Kempe, Edwarde Thwaites, William Roper, Anthonye Sandes, Edwarde Isaac, Perciuall Harte, Edwarde Monyns, William whetnall, John Fogge, Edmunde Fetyplace, Thomas Hardres, William waller, Thomas Wylforde, Thomas Moile, Thomas Harlakinden esquier, Geffrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulsee and Thomas Roidon, or of any of theim, and which before the making of this act haue bene of the sayd nature and tenure of Gauelkinde in the sayd countye of Kente, shall from henceforth be accepted taken wheriteb deined and iudged to be, like as lordshippes manours lands tenemẽts and other hereditaments at the common law of this realme, and in suche maner and fourme as if the same manours lordships lands tenemẽts and other hereditamentes had neuer ben of the sayd nature of Gauelkind, any vsage or custome in ỹ sayd county of Kente heretofore had accepted or vsed to the contrary notwythstanding. Sauinge alwayes & reseruing to all & singuler persons, other then the sayd lord Crumwel, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lorde Windsor, Thomas Cheine, Chriſtopher Hales, Thomas Willoghby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward wottõ, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinold Scot, John Guldford, Thomas kempe, Edward thwaites, Williã Roper, Anthony Sands Edward Isaac, Percival hart, Edward Monins, Williã whetnal, John Fogge, Edmund Fetiplace, Thomas Hardres, William Waller, Thomas Wilford, Thomas Moile, Thomas Harlakindẽ squier, Geffrey Lee, James Hales Henry Hulsee & Thomas roidon, or any of theim, & to euery of them against any other of them all such right title interest & inheritaunce as they or any of them had before the making of this act, of to or in any of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, woods, pastures, rentes, seruices, reuercions, remaynders, aduousons and other the premisses, as if this present act had neuer ben had nor made.

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¶An act concerning the amending of the riuer and port of Excetre. Cap.liii.

IN most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes your true and faithfull subiectes, the maire bailiffes & cõmunalty of your citye of Exeter, that where of olde antiquitie aswell the citizens and dwellers within your saide city as all other both denizens and straungers, applien and comming from any partes of beyond ỹ sea, or of this realme, to your porte of Exeter, haue had course and recourse with their shippes, botes and vessels goods and marchandises in the riuer of Exeter to & from the high sea, vnto your sayd city, to the great cõmodity cõmon wealth & profit of your sayde city, & all the countrey theraboute, as by diuers recordes and writinges remaining as well in your sayd city, as also at Westm. plainly doth appere: which commodity of long time hath ben so distroied and letted by weires, & driuinges of sandes and grauell, by course of the water into the saide riuer, and other lettes and noisances, that at this day, and of long time past, shippes, botes and vessels haue not had ne yet can haue their course to and from your sayd city, as of old time they haue had, by reason whereof your saide suppliantes of longe time haue bene and yet be compelled and enforced to carie their goods and marchandices frõ the ships, botes, and vessels to your saide citie by lande, to their yearely charges of.cccc. markes sterlinge and aboue, beside greate hurtes and losses taken in their sayd goods & marchãdices by the cariers of the same, which hath not only bene and yet dayly is to the great hurt decay & empouerishing of ỹ merchauntes of your sayd city, but also of the coũtrey theraboutes by reason of the ouerflowing & drowning of the medowes pasture and grounde lying by the said riuer, with the high springes of the sea & the fluddes of the fresh water cõming to the said riuer, & by reasõ of which charges susteined in carying their goods and marchãdises by land vnto ỹ sayd city, as is before sayd, the marchantes and owners of the sayd wares and marchandises, are driuen to sell the same muche more derer than they would do, if the said marchandises might be conueied & brought vnto the sayd city by water, to the great hurte and preiudice of all your graces subiectes in the said parties. For reformacion wherof, it may please your highnes, of your most noble and abundant grace, with the assent of your lords spirituall & temporall, and the cõmons in this present parliamẽt assembled & by auctority of the same, to enacte, ordeine and establishe, that it may and shalbe lawfull at all times after the feast of Easter now nert cõminge, to your sayd suppliantes, maire, bailiffes & communalty of your sayd citye of Exeter, and their successours, to plucke downe, dig, myne, breake, banke & cast vp all and al maner of weires rockes, sandes, grauel & other lettes and noisances, what so euer they be in the saide riuer, and also in other places & ground conueniẽt and necessary for the same, whose so euer they be, lying betwene your sayd city & the high sea, and further to do and make al other thinges requisite and necessary, wherby the said ships, botes & vessels may

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haue their sure course and recourse in the saide riuer, to and from youre saide citye, and there to charge and discharge the sayde goodes and marchaūdises without let or disturbance of any person or persons, geuynge and paying therfore vnto the lord or lordes owner or owners of the soyle where such digging and mining shalbe, in recompence and satisfaction of and for the land and ground so to be digged and mined, after the rate of xx.peres purchase, or els as much for ẏ same, as shall be adiudged, ordeined and determined by the kinges iustices of assisse in the county of Deuon for the time beyng, the election and libertie of which recompence and satisfaction so to be had, to be at ẏ choise of the lordes and owners of the said lādes and tenementes, without any let, denial, veracion or trouble of the sayde lord or lordes, owner & owners, or any other persō or persōs, by suete in the law or otherwise, vpon pain of forfaiture of.xx.li.of lawful money of England, for euery time that thei or any of them do attempt the cōtrary therof, wherof the one half shalbe to our said soueraigne lord, & the other halfe to him or them, that wil sue therfore by action of det, bil, plaint or information in any the kinges courts, wherin the party defendant shal not wage his law, nor in the said action, actions or suites any essoine licence nor protection shalbe allowed. And also geuyng and paying to the tenauntes fermers and occupiers of such lande or grounde for such hurte and losses, as they or any of them, shall susteine and haue by the same, as much as shalbe assessed adiudged and determined by the sayd iustices of assises in the sayde county of Deuon for the time being, or by such persons as by them shall be assigned and deputed for the same: The saide recompence and satisfaction as well concerning the lordes and owners of the sayd land and ground, as to the tenauntes, fermers and occupiers of the same, to be paied by ẏ mayre bailiffes and cōminalty of the saide citye for the time beynge, and their successours within the space of sixe weekes nexte after ẏ rating assessinge and determining of the same. onlesse that the mayre, bailiffes and comminaltie of the said city, & their successours, can otherwise compound or agree with the lordes, owners, tenaūtes, fermers, and occupiers of such land & ground or with any of them. And in case it happen the maire, bailiffes and comminaltye of the said city to make default of payment of the sayd recompence and satisfaction, & resist to pay the same, as is before rehearsed, that then ẏ lord, lords, owner, owners, tenantes, fermers or occupiers of such land or ground, that is greeued therwyth, and to whom the satisfaction & recompence ought to be payde, shall & may lawfully commence afferme or take his or theyr action of det by the course of the cōmon law, agaynst ẏ maior bayliffes, & cōminalty of the sayd city for the time being, and theyr successours for the recouery of the same in any coūty wythin this realme, at the wyll and pleasure of the party greeued, and like proces therupon to be had as in actions of det at the common law, grounded vpō contract or special ties, hath vsed to be had. in the whiche actions of debt, suite or suites to be had, no wager of lawe, essoine, licence, nor protection shalbe allowed.

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An act wherby the kings manour of Hampton courte is made an honour and a new thase thereto belongiug. Cap.v.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased the king our most excellēt & most dread soueraigne lord of late to erect build and make a goodly sumptuous beautifull and princely manour, decent & conuenient for a kinge & the same hath ornated w̄ parkes, gardeins, orchardes & other thinges of greate commodity and pleasure thereunto adioyning, mete & pertinent to his royal maiesty, most requisite for the prosperous continuance of his most royal persō, which the subiects of this his realme most entierly aboue al worldly thinges chiefly desyre of almighty God: his grace insuing the aduaūcement & amplificacion of his resonable & princely cōmodities to be nie vnto his said manour, heretofore of late hath alligned & limitted a certaine territory or grounde for a chase therof to be made, for nourysshing generacion and feeding of beastes of venery, and of foules of warren: and for furniture and perfection thereof, the kinges maiesty by indenture made betwene his grace on the one part, and sir Richard Page knight, Thomas Hēnage esquier, John carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe gentleman, Robert Alcetour, Robert Hamond, & diuers other honest and substancial men, named in the said indenture, for & in the name of all free tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritance, & in the name of all customary tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritaunce by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, wythin the precinctes of the sayd territory or ground, limitted & alligned for ỳ said chase & waren, hath certainly & plainly declared the precinctes, limittes, ambites, and bounds of ỳ same territorie or ground, & his graces libertyes, priuiledges & commodityes to be had in & vpon the same, the tenor of which sayd indenture hereafter plainly and fully ensueth, that is to say: this indenture made the first day of October, in the xviij. yere of the reigne of our most excellent and most dred soueregne lord Hēry the eight, by the grace of God, king of England and Fraunce defender of the fayth, lord of Irelande, and in erth supreme head of the church of Englād, betwene the same our souereine lord ỳ kinge of thone party, and syr Richard Page knighte, Thomas Hennage esquyer, John Carleton, John agmondesham, Thomas a down gentleman, Robert alcetour, robert Hamonde, Thomas Stragforde, Rychard Wiker, John a Gate thelder, John a gate ỳ yonger, Willia Stakforde, John Boughton, Richarde Biers, Germain Bandal, John Wolfe, Willia Floiter, Richard hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, Willia Tyce, Richard wheteley, Robert Nortrige, John Wachin, John baron, Richard Wodclerk ỳ yonger, John clere, John grenetee, Richard heyward, Chrystofer poūfreit, Richard wolfe, John bulworth, Thomas driuer, Thomas horingham, John Nortrige, Willia weste, John hardwin, Richard newma, John hamond ỳ yonger, John blake, John Daly, George thew, Clemente iared, John hamōd thelder, Ambrose Grenetree, Walter caluerley.

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Richarde Nele, Lionel Browne, Robart hall, Thomas Marsh, Thomas Shete, John Berman, John London, John Wodhouse, John Greene, and John Wolfe, for and in the name of all free tenauntes, hauinge any estate of inheritaunce, and in the name of all customary tenauntes, hauing any estate of inheritaunce by custome of and in any landes, or tenementes within the lordships manours townes & villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, and parte of Cobham, and other parishes, villages and hamlets, whatsoeuer they be wythin the limits of the chase that is named to be called Hamptō court chase, of the other part, witnesseth, that where our sayd soueraigne lord the king hath of late erected builded and made wythin ỳ county of Middelser, a goodly sumptuous house beutifull and princely manour, meete and conuenient for a kinge, and the same endewed with parkes, orchardes, gardein, and other greate commodities and pleasures therevnto adioyninge and belonging, & his grace intending the prosperous cōtinuaunce and preseruacion as well of his most royall persone, as for the furnishing of the manour with manifolde thinges of pleasure, for the dispoyte, pastime, comforte, and consolacion of his highnesse, his heyres and successours, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a chase about the said manour, for the encrease of venery and foule of warreine, which chase shalbe called Hampton courte chase: and that the sayd lordships, manours, townes, & villages of Estmulseye, Westmulley, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, & part of the towne or village of Cobham, in ỳ county of Surrey, & all landes, tenements, medowes, lesues, woodes, and pastures lying and being wythin the limittes, metes and boundes hereafter, declared, shalbe had reputed, and taken wythin the sayde chase, and to be parcel therof to all intentes and purposes, which metes and bounds are limitted appointed and do extend as foloweth: that is to wit, at & from ỳ Thames syde, on the south syde of the maner of Hampton court directly as the pale shalbe newly erected made and set to Cobham, and so forth, as the pale shall leade and be set about Cobham parke pale, of Byflette park, and from thence folowinge the same pale to the water of Weye, and so forth by the South syde of the ryuer of Weye, and the ryuer of Thames, vnto the first commencement and beginning of the sayde pale, wherfore it is condescended graunted concluded & fully agreed betweene the sayd parties to these indentures by these presentes. And our sayde soueraygne lorde the king in accomplishment of his graces pleasure, by these presents doth ordayne make erect publishe and declare the sayd chase. And that the sayd lordships manours townes and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, walton, Esher, Weybridge, and part of Comham, and all landes, tenementes, medowes, woodes, lesues, and pastures, lying and being within the limittes, metes and bounds aforenamed, shalbe from henceforth free chase and warren for all maner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shal haue all such and like libertyes, iurisdictions & preeeminences as any auncient chase or forest wythin this realme hath or of right ought to haue: & euerye

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person and persons, that shall fortune hereafter to trespasse or offend within the sayd new chase, shall incurre and runne into like daunger, penaltyes, losse and forfayture, as if the same offence had bene done or committed in any other chase or forestе within this realme of Englande: And that the sayd new chase from henceforth named and called Hampton court chase. And it is further condiscended, and graunted, and agreed betwene ỳ sayd parties by these presentes, and our sayde souereigne lorde the king for him his heyres and successours, promiseth, grauteth, and agreeth to and with the sayd sir Richard Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the sayde tenauntes and freeholders, theyr heyres and assignes, that it shalbe lawful to the same syr Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondesham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes aboue named, and to al other persons, being freeholders wythin the sayde chase, to euery of them, theyr heyres and assignes, to fell, cutte downe and carye away at all time and times hereafter at his or theyr pleasure, all and parcell of his or theyr woodes, groues, coppies and spryinges, growynge and beinge within the sayd chase, without licence of the kings highnes, his heyres or successours, or of any officer wythin the sayd chase, and wythout let and interruption of the same officers, or any of them. And also that it shalbe lawfull to the sayde syr Richarge Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes aboue named, and all other personnes as well freeholders as copie holders as customary tenauntes wythin the limittes of the sayd chase, and to euery of them, theyr heyres and assignes, at all time and times hereafter, to make theyr hedges and fences about theyr corne, growing vppon theyr owne ground wythin the sayde chase, at theyr owne will and pleasure, to keepe oute the Dere thereof, duringe all such time onely, as the corne shall growe vppon the same ground. And that the officers of the sayd chase duryng the same time, shall suffer the same hedges, and fences to stande and to remayne to thentent abouesayd. And after euery suche time as the corne shalbe serued and caryed awaye, it shalbe lawfull to the officers of the sayde chase, to make dere leapes and breakes in the sayde hedges and fences, for and to ỳ entent that the dere may haue course and recourse into the ground, where the corne was sowen for theyr feedinge, duringe all such time as the same landes shalbe and remayne vnsowen.

And in consideration thereof, oure sayde souereigne lorde the kinge, for him, his heyres and successours, is pleased and contented, that his and theyr officers of the reuenues within the limittes of the same chase, shall yerelye for euer at euery payment, defalke, allowe, and deducte the thirde part of the free rente, that euery freeholder oughte to paye for theyr seuerall freeholdes, wythin the limittes of the same chase. And also the kinges highnesse is pleased and contented, that where anye customarye tenaunt, or tenauntes hauing any estates of inheritaunce in anye custo-

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mary lands or tenements wythin the sayd chase, after the custome of any manour there, whereof the same customary landes or tenements ben holden, for the which customary landes or tenements, the nert heyre of euery such customary tenaunte, after the death of his auncestour, by and according to the same custome oughte to pay fine, in euery such case the kinges officers of the reuenewes wythin the sayd chase, shall defalke, deducte, and allow to the nert heyre of euery such tenaunte, dyinge seysed of any customary landes or tenements wythin the limittes of the sayd chase, the moyty or halfe of euery such fine, that he by the sayde custome oughte to paye for his landes there: the same fine to be rated and assessed after the rate of the fine that the same tenaunt so dying seysed, last payd to the lord therof, for the same landes or tenementes, and not otherwyse. And that the moyty of euery such fine be conteyned in euery coppye, that hereafter shalbe made to anye suche tenaunte, by the officers of the courtes of euery suche manour wythin the limittes of the sayd chase. And the sayd syr Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes and freeholders of the sayde lordshippes, manours, townes, and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, walton, Esher, Weybridge, and part of Cobham, do couenaunte and graunte, and euery of them for him and his heyres couenaunteth and grauntyth to and with our sayde souereigne lorde the kinge, his heyres and successours, that they and all other the tenauntes and freeholders, wythin the limittes of the sayde chase, and euerye of them, shall at all times hereafter stande to obeye, perfourme and keepe, within the said chase, all and singuler such lawes, ordinaunces, penalties, fines, and amerciamentes, as apperteine to a chase, and al such as hereafter shalbe prouided or made by any lawe, or statute, concerninge the preseruacion or mayntenaunce of the saide chase: excepte and onely reserued to the said tenauntes, all such libertyes and commodities before by these presentes vnto them appointed and limitted within ẏ said chase: In witnes wherof our sayd soueraigne lord the king to ẏ one part of these present Indentures, remayning with ẏ sayd free holders and customary tenauntes hath caused his great seale of Englād to be put, and to the other part of ẏ same Indentures, remayninge with our said soueraigne lord the king, the said freeholders & customary tenauntes, aswell for themselues as in the name of all other tenauntes and inhabitauntes within the limites of the sayd chase, haue put to theyr seales, ẏ day and yere aboue writtē. Be it therfore enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, ẏ the said Indenture shal persist continue and abyde good effectuall and in full strength & vertue, according to the word tenour & effect therof. And that the king our soueraigne lord, his heyres and successours for euer, shall haue and enioy their liberties and priuiledges, commodities and pleasures of free chase and warren for al maner of beastes of venery, and fowles of warren, within and vpon the said townes villages and parishes of

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Eſtmulſey, weſtmulſey, walton, Elſher, weibridge, and part of Cobham, and in all other places and grounds, lying or beinge within the precinctes limittes and boundes of the ſayd territory or grounde limitted and aſſigned by the ſayde Indenture for the ſayd chaſe and warren. And that the ſame territorye or grounde ſhalbe called named and knowen by the name of Hampton court chaſe. And that all and ſinguler trangreſſours and offendours taken knowē or proued to haue committed or done any maner of offence, within or vpon the ſayd chaſe or warren, contrary to the forme or effect of any parte of the ſayde indenture, ſhall incurre and fall into like daungers, penaltyes, and forfaytures, as any other like offendours, committing or doing any wrong treſpas or offēce in any other foreſt or chaſe wythin this realme, may do or ſhal do.

And furthermore be it enacted, that our ſayd ſoueraigne lord the king, his heyres and ſucceſſours, at his and theyr liberty and pleaſure, maye make conſtitute and aſſigne ſuch and as many officers, miniſters, and kepers, in for and vpon the ſayde chaſe and warren, as to him or them from time to time ſhalbe thought behouefull conuenient and neceſſary. And ẏ all and ſinguler lawes actes and ſtatutes heretofore made, concerninge ẏ keeping nourſhing encreaſe and ſupportacion of any of the forreſtes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or any of them, or touching or cōcerning directions corrections penalties reformacions or puniſhmentes for anye maner of offences done or committed wythin anye ſuch foreſtes chaces or warrens, ſhal be from henceforthe extended and executed into & vpon all tranſgreſſours and offendours in the ſayde chaſe called Hampton courte chaſe, and into or vpon the ſayd warren of the ſame.

And becauſe that the ſayd manour of Hampton courte is thus, as is aforeſayd, decorated and enuironed wyth thinges of highe and princely cōmodityes. Be it further enacted by auctority of this preſent parliament, ẏ the manour of Walton vppon Thames in the ſayd county of Surrey, beyng parcell of the duchie of Lancaſter, & the manour of Walton Leghe, in the ſayd county of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kings highnes of Gyles Leghe eſquier deceaſſed, and the houſe of Oteland, and all lands tenementes rentes ſeruices and hereditaments in weybridge walton and Charteſey, in the ſayd county of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Rede, ſonne & heyre to Willyam Rede, and the manours of Byflete and Weybridge in the ſayd county of Surrey, beyng parcell of the duchye of Cornewal, and all the landes and tenements in walton & weybridge aforeſayde, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Goldewell, and his wyfe, and all thoſe landes and tenementes in walton aforeſayde, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of John Carleton, and the manoure of Eſtmulſeye in the ſayde countye of Surrey, late purchaſed by the kinges highnes of the Preſidente and the ſcholers of Corpus Chriſti Colledge in Oxforde, and the manour of Mulſey in the ſayde countye of Surrey, which late belonged to the late Monaſterye of Marten, in the ſayde

county of Surrey: And the manour of Sādon in ỳ sayd county of Surrey late purchased by the kinges highnes of the mayster and bretherne of the hospitall of sainct Thomas Spittle in Southwarke, in ỳ sayd county of Surrey: And the manour of Weston in the sayd county of Surrey late purchased by the kinges highnes of the abbesse and couent of the monastery of Barking in the county of Esser: And the manour of Imworth in the sayde countye of Surrey, late purchased by the kinges highnes of Thomas duke of Norff. And the manour of Esher in the sayde county of Surrey, late purchased by the kinges highnes of the reuerende father in God Stephen bishop of Winchester: and the landes and hereditamentes wyth thappurtenances called Heywod, lying within the said chase, which late belonged to ỳ late priorie of Newarke in the said county of Surrey. And all those manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lying wyth in the sayd chace, which syr Richarde Page knight hath lately bargayned and solde vnto our sayd souereigne lord the king: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which be the saide sir Richarde Pages, lying and being wythin the said chace: And all other manours lands tenements tentes reuercions seruices and hereditamentes, wythin the limittes and territory of the same chase, which the kingshighnes before this time hath obteyned boughte or purchased of any person or persons, bodyes politicke or corporate. And all the fee ferme or yerely rent or annuity of the borought or towne of Kingston vpon Thames, in the sayd countye of Surrey, and the manours of Hannewoth and Kynton, otherwise called Coldkennington, and the parke of Hannewoth and Coldkennington, in the county of Midd. And the manour of Feltham in the sayde countye of Midd. which manour of Feltham was late purchased by the kinges highnes of the master and bretherne of the hospitall of Burtoulazer in the county of Leycester, and the manour of Todington in the sayde countye of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highnes of the abbotte and couent of the Monasterie of Westminster, in the countye of Middleser: and all landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge in the paryshe of Hampton in the sayde countye of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highnesse of Thomas Arthure, Thomas Gone, John Unidale, John Upton, Thomas Elys, and John Lewes, or of any of them. And all landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, in the parish of Hannewoth, in the sayde county of Middleser, late purchased by the kinges highnes of John Williams, John Combes, Richarde harris, William Couper, Roberte wattes, Thomas Fitzwater, Richarde Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Bickes, Paule Coke, and the person of the parishe of Hanwoth afore sayde, or of any of them, and all the landes and tenementes in Kenton, in the said coũty of Midd. lately purchased by the sayd our souereigne lord the king, of ỳ mayster and bretherne of the hospitall of Sauoy, in the county of Midd. And al other manours landes tenements and hereditaments in Kingston Hanworth, Kenton, Coldkennington, Feltham, Todington, & Hampton,

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whych our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge, before this time hath boughte purchased or obteined of any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate shall from henceforth be perpetually vnited, annexed, demed, reputed & taken to be parte, parcell and membres of the sayde manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton courte, together with all other the sayd manours, landes, tenements, and other the premisses aboue rehersed and specified, so vnited and annexed to the same manor of Hampton court, shall from henceforth be named called, accepted and take the honour of Hampton courte. And that the sayde manour of Hampton court shall from henceforth be the chiefe and capitall place and parte of the sayde honour of Hampton courte.

¶ Be it also further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the sayde honour and chace of Hampton courte, and all manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, & other the premisses aboue rehersed, shall from henceforth be in the order, suruey, rule and gouernance of the court of Augmētations of the reuenues of our soueraigne lorde ỳ kynges crowne, and to be graunted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same courte, in suche maner and fourme as other the manours, landes & tenementes, appointed to the same courte, bene or ought to be letten or graunted. And ỳ all the fermes, issues, reuenues and profites, comminge and growinge of the premisses, and of euery parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in such maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours, landes and tenementes committed to the order, suruey and gouernaunce of the sayd court of augmentations: any act, statute, ordinance, custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all and singuler the tenantes, as well freeholders and copyholders, or other, and all and singuler persons, whiche owe suite to any of the sayde manours, or to any leete or lawdaye, to be holden within the precinct of any of theym and the heires, successours and assignes of euery of the saide tenantes, shall do their suites seruices and customes and pay their rentes to the sayd sundry manours, and in suche times, as they did and ought to do before ỳ makinge of this present acte. And that the sayde tenauntes and suiters or anye of theim, or the heires, successours, or assignes of them or anye of theym, at any time hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices, suites, customes, rentes or other charges, nor be cōpelled to do or pay the same in any other place or places, nor any of the seuerall tenures chaunged, altered or charged, otherwise then they were or ought to do or be before the makinge of this acte, or any thinge therin cōteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge. Sauinge alwaye and reseruing to all & singuler free tenantes and customary tenantes of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyynge or being within the precinct limytes and bondes of the sayd chace, called Hampton courte chace, specified &

declared by the sayde indenture, and to the heires, successours & assignes of euery of them, all and singuler liberties, profites, commodities and aduantages to them apperteininge, accordinge to the true intent and pleasure of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kynge, signified and declared by the same indenture, any thinge in this acte aboue written notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided alwaye, that this acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shall not be preiudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executours successours or assignes, for any leases, demises, grauntes or couenantes herctofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayde manours and other the premisses, or any part or parcell therof, by any person or persons, beinge owners of the sayde manours, lands and tenementes and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell therof, or by any of their auncestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully auctoryzed by them or any of them, for any demise, lease or graunt therof made.

¶ Sauinge alwaye to all and euerye person and persons, theyr heyres successours, executors and assignes, other then such persons, as were parties or priuie to the bargaines, sales, giftes or grauntes of the sayde manours and other the premisses, or any parte therof, and their wiues their heires and successours, and the wiues, heires and successours of euery of them, all such right, title, vse, interest, possessiō, lease, leases, ferme, or fermes for terme of lyfe, liues, yeres or otherwise, & all grātes, liberties, rentes, charges, profettes, conenauntes and all other commodity and cōmodities, which they or any of theym haue, mighte or oughte haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue, in of or to the premisses, or any parte or parcell of theim, in such maner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thynge therin conteined to the contrary therof had neuer bene had nor made, any thing in this prēsēt act to the contrary therof notwithstandynge.

¶ And for as muche as the sayde manours of Byflete and weibridge, before the making of this acte were parcell of the Duchy of Cornewall, and now separate and taken from the same by reason of this acte. Be it therfore enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the manour of Shippon, with thappurtenances, in the countye of Berk. whiche latelye belonged to the late monastery of Abendon, in the same county of Berk. nowe dissolued, shal from henceforth be vnited and annexed to the sayde Duchy of Cornewall, and shalbe accepted and taken for and as part and parcell of the same Duchie of Cornwall, in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the sayde manours of Byflete and weibridge were before ỹ making of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon and the issues, reuenues and profites thereof, shall from henceforth be surueied, receyued & aunswered by and before such persons, officers, and ministers, and in suche lyke maner and fourme, as other the manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes parcell of the sayde Duchy of Cornewall, be & shalbe surueyed, receiued and aunswered.

¶ Prouided alway that this acte, or any thynge therin conteined, shall not be pre-

be preiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, theyr heyres, executours, successours, or assignes, or any demises leases offices graunts or couenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the sayd manour of Shippon, or any part or parcell thereof, by our souereigne lorde the kinge, or by any other person or persons, beinge owner or owners of ye same manour of Shippon, this act, or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An acte that such as were religious persons may purchase, sue and be sued in all maner of actions. Cap. vj.

BE it enacted by auctority of this present parliamēt that al and singuler such religious persons, as well men as women professed, of what order rule or habite soeuer they were, which bee or hereafter shalbe put at their liberties frō the danger seruitude & condicion of their religion and profession, wherunto they were professed, by reasō of suppression dissoluing forfaiture by attender, rēdring or otherwyse gyuing to the hands of the kings maiesty, or any other the same monasteries, abbeis priories, or other religious houses or places, wherin the same religious persons were professed, shal by auctoritie of this present parliament, from and after the first day of the same parliamente, and from & after the time, that they were or shalbe put at suche liberty, haue free liberty to purchase to thē and theyr heyres in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of life for yeares or at wyl manors lands tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes & thinges, whatsoeuer they bee, in like maner and fourme, as thoughe they or any of them had neuer ben professed, nor entered into any such religion. And furthermore, that they the same religious persons, and euery of them shalbe made able by thauctority of this presente acte: to sue and be sued in all maner of actions plaintes and suites, what soeuer they bee, of and for any matter or cause growing sithens & after the time of theyr seuerall deraignementes or departing out of theyr religion, in all courtes and places within this realme as other the kinges subiectes be . And furthermore that they and euery of them, shal and may frō henceforth, vse and exercise, receiue take haue and enioy all and euery lawfull thing and thinges to be growen fall or happened to them or any of them, after the saide deraygnement or departing out of theyr religion, in as large & ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer ben professed nor entred into religion, the same profession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse wythin this realme to the contrary therof in any wyse notwythstanding.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, ye none of the same religious persons, shall or may at any time hereafter bee takē deemed or iudged for or as heyre or heyres or inheritable to any persō or persons to any purpose respect, cōstructiō or intent in the law, nor ye they

nor any of thē by vertue of this acte be receiued admitted or deme̅d able in the lawe, to demaunde, challenge, receiue or take any manours, landes, tenemētes or hereditamentes, or any other thyng or thinges, by reason of or for any former title, right, interest, matter or cause had, made, done or growē to any respecte or purpose, before the said seuerall deraignemētes or departinges out of their religion. Nor that any of the sayde religious persons beyng priestes, or suche as haue auowēd religion at xxi. yeres or aboue, and therto then consented, continuing in the same any while after, not duelye prouing by witnes or other lawfull meanes some vnlawfull cohercion or cōpulsion done to them or any of them, for making of any such bowe, or constraining them to remayne in their religiō be enabled by vertue of any woordes, clause or sentence before in this acte expressed, to mary or take any wife or wiues, but that they and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purposes: any thinge before in this acte conteined to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ An acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punishment of beggers and vacabundes, and of certaine other statutes. Cap. vii.

WHere in the parliamēt begun & holdē at London the thirde day of Nouembre, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste dread soueraigne lord kinge Henrye the eighte, & from thense adiurned to Westm. & there holden & continued by dyuers prorogations, vntill ỳ dissolucion therof, an acte was made & established, declaringe and concernynge as well howe aged poore and impotente persons, compelled to liue by almes, shoulde be ordered and vsed, and also howe vacabundes and mighty strong beggers should be whipped & punished: and at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for the restraint of carying & cōueying of horses & mares out of this realme: & also at the said parliamēt one other act was made and established for punishment of welshmen, attemptinge assaultes or affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Herefordd, Glouceſter or Shropshire. And also at the sayde parliament one other acte was made and established for punishemente of the vice of Buggerye, declarynge suche offence to be felony, which saide foure seuerall actes were also made to endure to ỳ last daye of the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more plainely appereth. And where also in the sayde parliamente one other acte was made and ordeined among other thinges, for restraininge the cariages of brasse laten & coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true making of cables, halsers, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndinge of wolles: And one other act to restraine killinge of weinlinges, bullockes, steeres or heyfers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which sayd foure seueral actes last

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before remembred, were than made to endure and continue vnto the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more plainely appereth. And where also in the said parliamente one other act was made and established for the atteintes to be sued for punishment of periury vpon vntrue verdites: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament concerning peauterers: and also one other acte was there made in ỳ said parliament, concerning sowing of flare and hempe: all which sayde three seuerall actes last before rehersed, were than made & ordeined to continue & endure to the last day of the nexte parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes more plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the said parliament one other act was made and established for making of iayles in diuers shires of this realme, which same acte was than made to continue & endure for one yere next after ỳ ende of the same parliamẽt, as by the same act also more plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westm. the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of our sayde moste dread soueraigne lorde kynge Henrye the eyght, and there continued and kept vntill the dissolutiõ therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the laste day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therin conteined, more plainly appereth. And for asmuche as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the commõ wealth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctority of this present parliament, that all and singuler the sayd seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the nexte parliament.

¶ An act that proclamacions made by the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his honorable counsell, shall be obeied and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parliament. Cap. viii.

FOr as much as the kynges most royall maiestye for diuers considerations by the aduise of his counsell hath heretofore set forth diuers and sundry his graces proclamacions, aswell for and concerninge diuers and sundrye artycles of christes religion, as for an vnitye and concorde to bee had amongest the louynge and obedyente subiectes of thys hys realme, and other his dominions, and also concerning the aduauncement of his common wealth and good quiet of people, which neuertheless diuers and many frowarde wylfull and obstinate persons, haue wilfully contempned and broken, not consideryng what a kynge by his royall power

wer may do: and for lacke of a direct statute and law to coherte offenders to obey the said proclamations, which beyng still suffred, should not onely encorage offenders to the disobedience of the preceptes and lawes of almightie God, but also sound to much to the greate dishonour of the kinges most rotall maiesty (who may full ill beare it) and also geue to great hart and boldenesse to all malefactours and offendours: Considerynge also that sodaine causes and occasions fortune many times, which do requite spedy remedies, and that by abidyng for a parliament, in the meane time myghte happen great preiudice to ensue to the realme: and weyinge also, that his maiesty (which by the kingly and regall power geuen him by God, maye do many thinges in suche cases) should not be driuen to entende the liberty and supremitie of his regall power and dignitie by wilfulnes of frowarde subiectes: it is therfore thought in maner more then necessary, that ỹ kinges highnes of this realme for the time beyng, with thaduise of his honorable counsaile, should make and set forth proclamacions for the good and politike order and gouernaunce of this realme of Englande, Wales, and other his dominions from time to time, for the defence of his regall dignity, and thaduancement of his common wealth, and good quiet of his people, as the cases of necessity shall require. And that an ordinary lawe should be prouided by thassent of his maiesty and parliament, for the due punishment correction and reformation of such offences and disobediences. Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this parliament, with the kinges maiestye, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons assent, that allwayes the kinge, for the time beyng, with thaduise of his honorable counsel, whose names hereafter folow, or with thaduise of the most part of thē may set forth at al times, by auctority of this acte, his proclamacions, vnder such penalties and peynes, and of suche sorte, as to his highnesse, and his sayde honorable counsaile, or the more part of them: shal seme necessary and requisite. And that those same shall be obeied obserued and kepte, as though thei were made by act of parliament, for the time in them limitted oneles the kinges highnes dispence with them or any of them vnder hys great seale.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the wordes meaninge and intente of this acte, be not vnderstand, interpretate, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it any of the kinges liege people, of what estate, degree or condicion soeuer he or they be, bodies politike or corporate, their heires or successours, shulde haue any of his or their inheritaunces, lawfull possessions, offices, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, goods or cattells, taken from them or any of them: Nor by vertue of the sayd acte suffre any payns of death, other then shalbe hereafter in this acte declared. Nor that by any proclamation to be made by vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, standing at this presente time in strength and force, nor yet any lawfull or laudable customes of this realme, or other his dominions, ne any of them shalbe infringed, broken or subuerted: And specially all those actes, standing this houre in force, which

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haue ben made in the kinges highnes time: but that euery such person and persons, bodyes politike and corporate, their heires and successors, and the heires and successours of euery of them, their inheritances lawfull possessions, offices, liberties, priuileges, franchises, goods & cattells shall stand and be in the same state and condicion, to euery respect & purpose, as if this act or prouiso had neuer bene had ne made: except such forfaitures peines and penalties, as in this acte and in any proclamation, which hereafter shall be set forth by auctority of the same, shalbe declared and expressed.

And except such persons, which shall offende any proclamation to be made by the kinges highnesse, his heires or successours, for and concerning anye kinde of herises, against christen religion.

Furthermore be it enacted by the auctority of this present parliamente, that to the intent the kinges subiectes should not be ignorãt of his proclamation, euery sheriffe or other officer and minister, to whome any such proclamation shalbe directed by the kinges writte vnder his great seale, shall proclaime or cause the same to bee proclaimed within .xiiii. dayes after the recept therof, in foure seuerall market townes, if there be so many, or els in fiue other townes places or villages within the limites of their auctorities.

And they to cause the same proclamatiõs to be fixed and set vp openlye vpon places conuenient in euery such towne place or village, vppon peyne and penalty of such summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of bodie, as shall be conteined in the sayd proclamacion or proclamacions.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that if any person or persons, of what estate, degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at any time hereafter do wilfully offende & breake, or obstinately not obserue and keepe any such proclamacion, or any article therin conteined, which shall proceede from the kinges maiesty, by the aduise of his counsell, as is aforesayd that then all and euery such offender or offenders, beynge therof within one halfe yere nexte after their or his offence cõmitted, accused, & therof within .xviii. monethes nexte after the same offence so conuicted by confession or lawfull witnes, and proues before the archbishop of Canterbury Metropolitan, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lorde treasorer of England, the presidẽt of the kinges most honorable counsell, the lorde pryuie seale, the great chaumberlaine of England, lorde admirall, lord steward or graund maister, lorde chaumberlaine of the kings moste honorable housholde, two other bishops, beynge of the kinges counsell such as his grace shall appointe for the same, the secretarye, the treasorer & controller of the kinges most honorable housholde, the maister of the horse, the twoo chiefe iudges, & the maister of the Rolles, for the time beynge, the Chaũcellour of the augmentacions, the chaũcellour of the Duchy, the chiefe Baron of the Eschequer, the two generall surueiours, ỳ Chauncellour of the Eschequer, the vnder Treasorer of the same, the Treasorer of the kinges chamber for the tyme beynge, in ỳ Sterre chamber at Westminster, or els where: or at the least before the halfe of ỳ number afore rehersed, of which numbre the

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lorde chauncellor, the lorde Treasorer, the lorde presidēt of the kinges most honorable counsell, the lorde Priuye seale, the chamberlaine of Englande, the lorde admirall, the two chief Judges for the time being, or two of them whalbe two: shall lose and pay such penalties forfaitures of summes of money to be leuied of his or their landes, tenemētes, goods and cattels, to the kinges vse, and also suffre suche imprisonment of his bodye, as shall be expressed, mencioned and declared in any such proclamacion or proclamacions which such offender or offenders shall offend and breake, or not obserue & kepe, contrary to this act, as is aforesayd. And that execution shall be had done & made against euery such offender and offenders, with the addicion of names or surnames, townes, or counteies, mistery, or occupation of the said offenders, by such order, proces, waies and meanes, & after such maner forme and condicion, as by the kinges highnes, and the sayde counsell shall be deuised and thought most conuenient for example of such offenders.

¶ Prouided alway, that none offender, whiche shall offende contrary to the forme of any suche proclamacions, shall incurre the daunger & penaltye therof, except such proclamacion or proclamacions be had done or made in such shyre or county, wher thoffendour hath or shal dwel or be most cōuersant wythin a yere before. And be it further enacted by thauctority afore sayd that the lord chaūcellour, the lord priuy seale, and eyther of them, with thassente of vi. of the forenamed, shall haue power and auctority by theyr discrecions, vpon euery informacion to be giuen to them or to either of thē touching the premisses, to cause proces to be made against all and singuler such offenders, by wrytts vnder the kings great seale, or vnder his graces priuy seale, in fourme following, that is to say. Fyrst by proclamacion vnder a payne of a penaltye, by the discretion of the aforesayde chauncellours appointed, for the awardinge of proces, and if hee appeare not to the same wythout a lawful excuse, than ẏ sayd chancellours to' awarde one other proclamacion, vpon allegeance of the same offender, for the due examinacion tryal and conuiction of euery suche person and persons, as shall offende contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in maner and forme as is aboue remembred. Except it be wythin ẏ liberty of the county palantine of the duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be: thꝭ to passe by the chaūcellor of ẏ kinges duchy of Lancaster, vnder ẏ seale of the sayd duchy, wyth the assent of vi. at the leaste of ẏ aforenamed councellors.

Be it also further enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that if any person or persons do cōmit any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte, & after the same offence done or committed, doe obstinatly willingly or contemptuously auoyde and depart out of this realme, for and to thentente ẏ he wyl not aunswere to such offence or offences by him committed & done contrarye to this acte, that than euery such wilful and contemptuous person auoyding or departinge out of this realme, shall bee adiudged a traytour, and his facte highe treason, and shall haue and suffer such paynes of death, and also forfaite goodes and cattells, landes and tenementes, as in

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caſe of high treaſon. Sauing to all & ſinguler perſon & perſon, bodies poli-tike & corporate, theyr heires & ſucceſſors, & to the heyres & ſucceſſors of euery of them, other than ſuche perſon and perſons, theyr heyres & ſucceſſors, and the heyres and ſucceſſours of euery of them, ẏ ſhall offende cõtrary to this act, & therunto obſtinately willinglye or cõtemptuouſly auoyde & departe oute of this realme, as is aforeſayde, all ſuch righte, title, vſe, intereſt, rents, reuercions, remainders, leaſe, leaſes, grantes, annuities, offices, commons, profites, commodities and other hereditamentes whatſoeuer, in & to all and ſinguler ſuch honours caſtels, manours, landes, tenements and other hereditamentes, which any ſuche offender or offenders ſhal haue at the time of his or theyr offence or offences of treaſon committed, or at any time after, in ſuch like maner forme & condicion, to all intentes conſtructions and purpoſes, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made: any thinge conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wyſe notwythſtanding.

And it is further enacted by thauctority aforeſaid, that if any perſon or perſons, offending contrary to this act, do wyllingly and contemptuouſlye withdraw, abſent, eloine or ſecretly hide himſelfe wythin any parte of this realme, or any of the kinges dominions, by ẏ ſpace of two monethes nexte after any writ of proclamacion ſhalbe made directly & proclaymed againſt him or them, as afore is reherſed, and therof by any conuenient or reaſonable meane may haue knowledge, ſo that by eloyning of himſelf, his offence cannot be examined tryed and iudged within the ſayd time of xviij. monethes: that than euery ſuch perſon and perſons ſo offending, ſhall ſtand and be as a perſon conuicted of the offences agaynſt him obiected, and alſo loſe and pay al & euery ſuch forfayture, ſummes of moneye, & alſo ſuffer ſuch impryſonment as to the ſame offence ſhall apperteine.

And be it further enacted, that if it happen oure ſayde ſouereigne lorde the kinge to deceaſſe (whoſe life God longe preſerue) before ſuche time as that perſon, which ſhalbe his next heyre or ſucceſſour to ẏ imperiall crowne of this realme, ſhall accompliſhe and come to the age of xviij. yeares, that then all and ſinguler proclamacions, which ſhalbe in anye wyſe made and ſet forth into any part of this realme, or other the kinges dominiõs by vertue of this acte, within the foreſaide yeres of the ſayde next heyre or ſucceſſour ſhalbe ſet forthe in the ſucceſſours name then beinge kinge, and ſhall importe or beare vnder written the ful names of ſuch of the kinges honourable counſell than beinge, as ſhalbe the deuiſours or ſetters forthe of the ſame, which ſhalbe in this caſe the whole nomber afore rehearſed, or at the leaſte the more parte of them, or els the proclamacions to be voyde and of none effecte.

Prouided alſo, that if anye proclamacion or proclamacions hereafter ſhalbe directed by vertue of this act, to the iuſtices of the peace of any ſhire or county that than within xiiij. dayes after the recept therof, the ſame Iuſtices ſhall and may by theyr diſcretions deuide themſelues in ſondry partes and places wythin the limittes of their cõmiſſion, for the due and ſpe-

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dye execution of the contentes of the same proclamation or proclamations and they and euery of them doing or causing to be done wyth conuenient speede in theyr sondry limittes, as much as in them reasonably doth lye or rest to be done, for the due and speedy execution of the same proclamaciō or proclamacions: than euery such of the same Justices, as so shall do hys dyligence, or as much as in him reasonably resteth to be done, shalbe discharged and exonerated against the kings highnes, his, heyres and successours of and for euery penaltye and payne, limitted and appoynted by the same proclamation to euery of the same iustices.

Prouided also, that no Justices of peace, shalbe charged hereafter by vertue of any such proclamacion, wyth or for any peyne or penalty, for not doing or executing of the same proclamaciōs, but onely in the shyre or coūtye, where any such iustices of peace shall or do inhabite, dwell or be moste conuersaunt or abyding.

Prouided also that the foresayd coūsaylours appointed or to be appointed by vertue of this acte, or any part therof by the kings highnes, his heires or successours, to and for the hearinge and determinacion of euery offence, committed contrary to any of his or theyr proclamaciō or proclamacions, shal from time to time, knowing ẏ kings determinate pleasure first therein, haue full power and auctority to dyminishe or mitigate the penaltyes of the summe or summes of money, which shalbe conteyned in any of the sayd proclamacions hereafter to be made by ẏ kinges highnes his heyres or successours.

An act auctorisyng the kinges highnesse to make byshops by his letters patentes. Cap. ix.

Forasmuche as it is not vnknowen, the slouthfull and vngodly life, which hath beene vsed amonge all those sorte, which haue borne the name of religious folke, & to thintent that from henseforth any of them mighte be turned to better vse, as hereafter shal folow, wherby Gods worde mighte the better be set forth, children brought vp in learning, clerkes nourished in the Uniuersytyes, olde seruauntes decayed to haue lyuinges, almes houses of poore folke to be susteyned in, readers of Greeke, Hebrewe and latine, to haue good stipende, dayly almes to be ministred, mending of high wayes, exhibicion for ministers of the Church. It is thought therefore vnto the kinges highnes most expedient and necessary, that mo byshoprickes collegial and cathedrall Churches shalbe established in steede of these aforesayd religious houses, wythin ẏ foundacion wherof these other titles afore rehersed, shalbe established. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that his highnes shal haue full power and auctority from time to time, to declare & nominate by his letters patēts or other wrytigs

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to be make vnder his greate Seale, suche nomber of bisshoppes, such nomber of cityes, sees for bisshoppes, cathedral Churches, and Dioceese, by metes and bondes, for the exercise and ministracion of theyr episcopall offices and administracion as shall appertayne, and to endowe them wyth suche possessions, after suche maner fourme and condicion, as to his moste excellent wysedome shalbe thoughte necessary and conueniente. And also shal haue power and auctority to make and deuise translations, ordenances rules and statutes, cõcerning them all and euery of them, and further to do all and euery other thinge and thinges, whatsoeuer it be, which shall be deuised and thought requisite conuenient and necessary by his most excellent wysedome and discretion, for the good perfection and accomplishmente of all and singuler his sayd most godly and gracious purposes and intentes, touching the premisses, or anye other charitable or godly deedes to be deuised by his highnes concerninge the same. And that all and singuler such translacions nominacions of bisshops cities sees and limitacion of Dioces for bisshops, erections, establishmentes, foũdacions, ordinances, statutes, rules, and al and euery other thing & things, which shalbe deuised comprysed and expressed by his graces sondry and seuerall letters patentes or other wrytinges vnder his great seale, touchinge and concerninge the premisses, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary & requisite for the perfection of the premisses, or any of them, shalbe of as good strength force value and effecte, to al intentes and purposes, as if such thinges, that shall so bee deuised expressed and mencioned in his letters patents or other writings vnder his great seale had bene donc made and had by auctority of parliament.

An act concerning placing of the Lordes in the parliamente chamber, and other assembles and conferences of counsayle. Cap. x.

FOrasmuch as in al great councels and congregaciõs of men, hauing sondry degrees and offices in the common wealth, It is very requisite & cõuenient that an order should be had and taken for the placing & sitting of such persons as ben bounde to resort to the same to thintent that they, knowing theyr places, may vse the same without displeasure or let of the counsell. Therfore y kings most royal maiesty, although it apperteyneth vnto his preroga tiue royall, to giue such honour, reputacion, & placing to his councellours, and other his subiectes, as shal be seeming to his most excellent wysedom, is nevertheles pleased and contented for an order to bee had and taken in this hys most high court of parliament, that it shalbe enacted by thauctority of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter folo weth.

First it is enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that no person or personnes,

of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he or they be of, (except only the kinges children) shal at any time hereafter attempte or presume to sitte or haue place at any syde of the cloth of estate in the parliamēt chamber, nother of the one hande of the kinges highnes, nor of the other, whether the kings maiesty be there personally present or absent. And forasmuche as the kinges maiesty is iustly & lawfully supreme head in earth vnder God of ỳ Church of England, & for the good exercise of the sayd most royall dignity and office, hath made Thomas lord Crumwell & lord priuy seale his vicegerent for good & due ministracio of Justice to be had in al causes & cases touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, & for the godly informacion and redresse of all errours heresies and abuses in the sayd Church. It is therefore also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the sayd lord Crumwell, hauinge the sayd office of vicegerent, & all other persons, which hereafter shall haue the sayd office of the graunt of ỳ kings highnes, his heyres or successours, shall sit & be placed as well in this presente parliament, as in all parliamentes to be holden hereafter, on the right syde of the parliamente chamber, & vpon the same fourme that the archbishop of Canterbury sitteth on, and aboue the same archebishop and his successours, and shall haue voyce in euery parliament to assent or dissent, as other the lordes of the parliament.

And it is also enacted, that next to the sayd vicegerent shall sit the archbishop of Canterburie, and then next him on the same fourme & side, shall sit the archbishop of Yorke: and next to him on the same fourme and syde, the bishop of London: and next to him on the same syde and fourme ỳ byshop of Duresme: and next to him on the same syde and fourme the bishop of Winchester, and than all the other bishops of both prouinces of Canterbury and Yorke, shall sit and be placed on the same syde after theyr aunci-enties, as it hath ben accustomed.

And forasmuch as such other personages, which now haue, and hereafter shall happen to haue other great offices of the realme, that is to say, the offices of the lord Chauncellour, the lorde Treasurer, the lord presidente of the kings most honourable counsayle, the lord priuie seale, ỳ great Chamberlaine of England, the Constable of England, the marshall of England, the lord Admirall, the Grand maister or lord Steward of the kings most honourable houshold, the kinges Chamberlaine, and the kings Secretory, haue not heretofore bene appointed and ordred for the placing and sitting in the kinges most high court of Parliamēt by reason of theyr offices. It is therefore now ordeyned & enacted by thauctority aforesaid, that the lord Chancellour, the lorde Treasurer, ỳ lord Prelident of the kinges councell, & the lord priuie Seale, being of ỳ degree of barons of ỳ parliamēt, or aboue shall sit and be placed as well in this present parliamēt, as in all other parliamentes hereafter to be holden, on the left syde of ỳ sayd parliamēt chāber, on the hither parte of the fourme of the same syde aboue all dukes, except onely such as shall happen to be the kinges sonne, the kinges brother, the kinges vncle, ỳ kinges nephew, or the kings brothers or sisters sonnes,

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¶And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lorde Admirall, the great Maister or lorde Steward, and the kinges Chamberlaine, shall sitte and be placed after the lorde Priuie seale, in maner and fourme folowinge, that is to saye, euery of them shall sitte and be placed aboue all other personages beinge of the same estates or degrees, that they shall happen to be of, that is to saye, the great Chamberlaine first: the Constable next, the Marciall thyrd: the lorde Admirall the fourth, the graund maister or lorde Steward the fifte, and the kinges chamberlaine the sixte.

¶And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the kinges chiefe Secretorie, beyng of the degree of a baron of the parliament, shall sitte and be placed afore and aboue all barons, not hauinge any of the offices afore mẽcioned. And if he be a bishop, that than he shall sitte and be placed aboue all other bishops, not hauinge any of the offices aboue remembred.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all dukes not afore mẽcioned, marquesses, erles, vicountes, and barons, not hauinge any of the offices aforesayd, shal sit and be placed after their aũcienty, as it hath bene accustomed.

¶And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, whiche at anye tyme hereafter shall happen to haue anye of ẏ sayde offices of lorde Chaũcellour, lorde Treasourer, lorde Pꝛesident of the kinges counsell, lorde Pꝛiuie seale, or chiefe Secretory, shall be vnder the degree of a baron of ẏ parliament, by reason wherof thei can haue no interest to geue any assent or dissent in the sayd house, that then in euery such case, such of thẽ as shal happen to be vnder the sayd degree of a baron, shall sit and be placed at the vppermost parte of the sackes, in the middes of the sayd parliament chamber, either there to sit vpon one fourme, or vpon the vppermoste sacke, the one of them aboue the other in order as is aboue reherced.

¶Be it also enacted by auctority aforesayd, that in all trialles of treasons by peeres of this realme, if any of the peeres that shall be called hereafter to be triours of such treasons, shall happen to haue any of the offices aforesayd, that then they hauing such offices, shall sit and be placed accordinge to their offices, aboue all the other peeres, that shall be called to such trials, in maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned and reherced,

¶And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that as well in all parlyamentes, as in the Sterre chamber, and in all other assembles and conferẽces of coũsaile, the lorde Chaũcellour, the lorde Treasorer, the lord Pꝛelidẽt, the lord Pꝛiuie seale, the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lorde Admirall, the graund maister or lorde Steward, the kyngs Chãberlaine, & the kynges chiefe Secretory shall sit and be placed in such ordre and facion as is aboue reherced, and not in any other place, by auctority of this pꝛesent acte.

An acte auctorysing the kinges highnes newly to allotte certaine townes hips in Wales. Cap. xj.

Here in the parliament begunne & holden at London the iij. day of Nouember, the xxj. yere of the reigne of our most dradde souereine lord king Hery the viij. & from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holde and continued by diuers prorogacios vnto the 4. day of Februarye, in the xxvij. yeare of the reigne of oure sayde soueraigne lorde, and then and there holden & continued vnto the dissolucion therof, one acte & ordinaunce was made in the session of the sayd parliament, holden the saide 4. day of Februarye, whereby amonges diuers other thinges, diuers shyres and countyes were newlye made and named wythin the dominion and principalitye of Wales, and diuers townes parysshes lordshipps commotes and cantredes wythin the sayd dominion and principalitye were allotted appointed and limytted to the sayd seuerall shyres and countyes, as by the same acte more playnely & particularly among other thinges appeareth. And forasmuch as by credible informacion it was come into the kinges knowledge, after the making of the said act, ẏ same lordshipps townes parysshes cõmotes hũdredes & cantreds were not indifferently allotted & limitted to the shyres named in the sayd acte, for ẏ commodity of ẏ kings subiects inhabited therein, it was therfore ordeined and enacted by auctority of ẏ parliament holde at Westm. the viij. daye of June, in the xxviij. yeare of the kyngs reigne, that the kinges highnes, duryng ẏ time of 3. yeres next after the ende of the same parlyamente, shoulde haue power & auctority by wryting vnder his great seale, to allot appoint assigne & limit to euery of the shyres named in the sayde acte, suche and so many lordshippes townes parisshes hamlettes, hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiesty by his most high wysedome should thincke conuenient and agreeable, for the ease and commodity of his louing subiectes the inhabitaunts of the said dominon & principality. And should likewise haue power & auctority to name and assigne the shyre townes in euery of the sayd shyres, named in the sayd acte, And that euery such limitacion appointment nominacion and assignemẽt to be made by the kyngs highnes in that behalfe, by auctority of the said acte, should be as good and effectuall to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done, and made, plainly and particularly by auctority of parliamẽt, any thing cõteyned in ẏ said act in the session of the said parliament holde in the 4. day of Februarye, in the xxvij. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary therof not wythstãding And forasmuch as the tyme of 3. yeares limitted to the kinges maiesty by the said act, made in the xxviij. yere of his graces reigne, is nighe expyred, & ẏ his highnes hath had such gret affayres, & vrgẽt causes to do, cõcerning the state & wealth of this realme, ẏ by occasion therof his maiesty hath had no conuenient time nor leasure, to accomplishe & execute ẏ power & auctority committed to his highnes by the said act, made in ẏ saide xxviij yere of his reigne. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this present parliamẽt

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that his maiesty, during the space of other iij. yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shal haue like power & auctority, to do vse execute and accomplishe all and euery thing and thinges limitted & appointed to his maiesty to be done vsed & accomplished by the same act, made in the sayde xxviij. yere of his graces reigne, in as large & ample maner, in euerye condicion, as his maiesty mought haue done vsed & accomplished wythin the sayd time of thre yeres, limitted by the same act, as is afore sayd. And ỹ euery such limitacio appointment nominacio & assignmēt to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctority of this present act, during the space of the sayd other .x. yeres, next after ỹ first day of this present parliament, shalbe as good & effectuall, to all intents & purposes, as though it had ben done & made plainly & particulerly by auctority of parliament.

In act concerning wrongfull taking of haukes egges and brydes out of the nest, finding & takyng vp of the kinges haukes, huntinge in the kinges forest parke or chace or other ground inclosed, and killing of conyes wythin any lawful warren of the kyngs. Cap. xij.

WHere in the parliament holden at Westm. in the xj. yeare of the reigne of the noble prynce of famous memory kinge Henry the vij. it was ordayned, and amōgest other things enacted & established, that no man of what condicion or degree soeuer he be, should take or cause to be taken the egges of any faucō goshauke, or laner out of the nest, vpon payne of imprisonmente by one yeare, and further to fine at the kinges wyll. Notwithstanding which estatute diuers idle & ill disposed persons, litle or nothing regardinge or fearing the peine in ỹ same estatute conteined, haue not desisted to take egges of faucons goshauks & laners oute of the nestes, to the vtter destruction of thencrease of the same faucons, goshaukes & laners, if due reformacion in that behalfe be not prouided. In consideracion wherof it is ordeyned and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spyritual and temporal, & the commons in thys presente parliamente assembled, and by auctority of the same that if anye person or persons of what estate degree or condicion soeuer hee or they be, after the feast of the natiuity of our Lady nert comming, vnlawfully or wrongfully take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon goshauke or laner, or the bryds of any faucon goshauke or laner or lanerat, out of or from any nest or nestes of any faucon goshauke or laner, wythin any of ỹ honours castels manours lands tenemēts woods or other grounds whatsoeuer they be, of the kinges highnes for the tyme beyng, wherof his sayd highnes is seised in demayne possession or reuersion, or wherof he taketh the rentes issues reuenues or profites that then the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felonye, and the offender and offenders therin, beinge thereof lawfullye conuicted and attaynted, by and accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged felons, and shall haue and suffer such peynes of death and

also lose and forfaite their goods and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein before ordeyned & enacted, extende not, nor be in any wyse preiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, which after the sayd feast of the natiuity of our Lady, shal take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon, gosshauke or laner, or the byrds of any faucon gosshauke or laner, or laneret, out of or from any neste or nestes of anye faucon, gosshauke, or laner, within anye honours castelles manours lands tenementes woods or other grounds, whereof or wherin any person or persons, bodyes politike and corporate, other than the kings highnes, his heyres and successours, or any of them, that shal haue anye estate of inheritaunce, anye thinge before expressed or mencioned to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that if any person or persons, after the sayde feaste of the Natiuity of oure Lady, happen to finde and take vp any faucon, gerfaucon, Jerken, sacre, or sacret, gosshauke, laner, or laneret, being the kinges hauke or haukes, and hauing vpon him or them the marke of the kinges armes and veruels: that then if the same person or persons, which shal finde and take vp any such faucon gerfaucon, jerken, sacre or sacret, gosshauke, laner, or laneret, wythin xii. dayes next after the taking vp of any such hauke, do not bring or cause to be brought the same hauke so by him taken, to the maister of the kinges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconers, or within the tyme next abouesayde doe not geue knowledge of the taking vp of any such hauke to the sayde mayster of the kinges haukes for the time being, or to the shyriffe of the shyre for ȳ time beinge, where any such hauke shalbe taken vp, or to one of the kinges fauconers for the time being nere abidinge in or to any such partes, where any such hauke shalbe founden and taken vp, as is aforesayde, that then euery such finding and taking vp of any such hauke, and not bringinge nor geuing knowledge thereof, as is aforesaide, shalbe adiudged and taken to be felony, and the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully conuicted and attainted, by & according to the lawes of this realme shal haue and suffer such paines of death and also lose and forfaite his & their goods and cattells lands and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes in this realme.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte nor any thing therin conteined, doe or shall be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtfull to anye person or persons, that hereafter shall finde and take vp any of the saide haukes of the kinge oure souereigne lord his heires or successours, & by chaunce negligētly or casually against his or their wil, lose the same hauke or haukes: or if the same hauke dye against his or theyr will, before they can or may deliuer ȳ same hauke, as is aforesaid.

And where also iustice and equity requireth, that euery inheritour and possessour of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of England

lande, ſhould accordinge to theyr eſtates or poſſeſſions peaſibly & quietlye haue take, and enioy the profites, reuenues & commodities of the ſame, as well in thinges of high pleaſure, as in thinges commonly valuable, without iniury, rapine or other errour wrong to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the ſame, & in eſpeciall of & in thinges of pleaſure, as in hunting within foreſt parke or chaſe of the kings, ỹ queenes, the princes or of any other of the kinges lawful children for the time being, ordeyned and prouided for or concerning his highnes, or theyr pleaſure: Be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by thauctority of this preſente parliamente that if any perſon or perſons, of what eſtate degree or condicion ſoeuer he or they be, after the ſayd feaſt of the Natiuity of our lady nert comminge, at any time of the day, that is to ſay, betweene the time of the aryſing of the ſonne, and going downe of the ſame, wyth his face hidde or couered wyth hoode or viſar, or with his face paynted, or himſelfe otherwiſe diſguiſed, to thentent ỹ he would not be knowē, wrōgfully enter into any foreſt, parke or chace of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges ſaid children for the time being, or into any other ground of his or theirs, incloſed with wal or pale, ordained and vſed for keeping and noriſhing of dere, to thentente to ſteale any of the ſame dere, & by any meane of hunting or otherwiſe (as is aforeſaide) by ſtealth ſlea or take any of the ſame dere, or driue or chace any of them out of the ſame foreſt chaſe, parke, or other ground incloſed, as is aforeſayd, ordeined and vſed for keping and nouriſhing of dere, as is aforeſayd, to thentēt to ſteale the ſame dere. Or if any perſon, after the ſaid feaſt laſt beforе remēbred, at any time of the daye as is aforeſaide, with his face hid or couered with hoode or viſar, or wyth his face paynted, or himſelfe otherwyſe diſguiſed, to thentent ỹ he woulde not be knowen, take kill or ſlea with any hay or other net, or wyth any firrette or purſnet, any of the conies or rabbettes, being wythin any grounde ſoyle or place, beinge lawfull warren of the kinges highnes, the queenes the princes, or of any other the kings ſayd children, for the time being, and beinge kepte or vſed as warren for the maintenaunce and nouriſhinge of conies and rabbettes, or in fourme aforeſayde, take, kill or ſlea any conyes or rabbettes, beinge within anye of the kinges parkes, his heyres and ſucceſſours or within anye parke of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges ſaid children for the time beinge. Except it be ſuch perſon or perſonnes, as hath or ſhall haue the ſaide conies and rabbettes in ferme, or ſhalbe licenced by the writting of the king, the queene, the prince or of anye other of the kinges ſaid children, ſo to do: or if after the ſayde feaſt any perſon or perſons, at any time in the night, that is to ſay, betweene the time of the going downe of the ſonne, and aryſing of the ſame, wrongfullye enter into any foreſt chaſe parke or other ground incloſed, as is aforeſayde, of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of anye other of the kinges ſaid children for the time being, incloſed, ordeyned & vſed for the keepinge and nouriſhing of dere, to thētent to ſlea ſteale and take any of the dere of

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the sayd forest chase or parke, or other grounde inclosed, as is aforesayd, or-deyned and vsed for the finding of dere, or by any meane of hũting or other wyse, to thentent to steale at any tyme of the night, as is aforesaide, slea or take any of the deere being in the same: or by any meane in the sayd nighte time, chase or dryue out of any such forest chase parke or other ground inclo-sed, as is aforesayd of the kinges, his heyres & successours, or of ỹ Queenes the princes, or of any other the kinges sayde childzen, for the time beinge, any of the dere of the same, to thentent to steale the same deere: Or at any time of the night aboue written, take kill or slea wyth any hay or other net, or with any ferret or pursnet, any of the conyes or rabbets in any ground or soyle, being a lawful free warren of the kinges highnes for the time being and being kept and vsed as a warren, as is aforesayd. or take kill or slea in forme nerte aforesayd any conies or rabbettes, in anye of the parkes of the kinges highnes, his heyres or successours, or of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges sayd childzen for the tyme being. Except hee or they that shall so offend, hath or shall haue the same conies in ferme, or o-therwyse licensed, as is aforesayde: ỹ than euery such offender & offenders for theyr offences, by them or any of them committed & done, cõtrary to ỹ purport and effect of this act, shalbe deemed adiudged & taken as a felon, & euery such offence by anye of them committed and done, contrary to this acte as is aforesayd, shalbe deemed & adiudged felony. And that euery such offender and offenders, which shalbe thereof conuicted and atteinted, ac-cording to the lawes of this realme, shal haue and suffer suche like punish-ment, and incurre such losses and forfaytures for the same, as ben ordeined for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

Prouided alway & be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that no ma-ner of person or persons, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, shall hereafter be made, demed or taken by any maner of meane, as accessary or accessaryes in any offender or offenders, offending in any thing cõtrary to the tenour and effect of this act, or of any article or clause therin conteined, but onely such person and persons as shall hereafter abbette and procure any such offender or offenders, to commit and do any offence contrary to this act, which person and persons so abbetting and procuringe any offen-der or offenders, to commit & do any offence cõtrary to the tenour & effect of this act, shal after the same offence done, by the auctority aforesayde, be adiudged deemed & taken as accessary and accessaries in like maner, as in cases of felony at the common law.

Prouided alwaye, ỹ any worde article clause sentence forfayture paine or punishmente in this acte before expressed and declared, shall not in anye wyse extend to any person or persons, ỹ shal hunt take kil or slea any dere, conies, or rabbettes by day or night, contrary to this act in any chaces for-restes or warrens of the kinges, the queenes, the princes, or of anye other the kinges sayd childzen, set lying and beinge within his graces dominion of Wales, or in the borders against Scotland, the forest of Snowdon in Wales

wales onely excepted: any thing in this acte before declared and mẽcioned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alway, that this acte or any thynge therin conteined, extende not to any person or persons, which shall not be lawfully indited of any offence in this acte conteined within one yere next after any such offence cõmitted or done: this acte or any thinge therin conteined to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

An acte whereby all manours, landes, profites and hereditamentes belonging to anye the monasteries or other religious houses dissolued, or hereafter by any meane to be dissolued, are assured to the kinges highnesse his heires and successours for euer. And howe and in what wise leasses and grauntes hereto-fore made or hereafter to be made of them or any parte of them shall take effecte. Cap. xiii.

WHere diuers & sundrye abbottes, priors, abbesses, prioresses & other ecclesiasticall gouernors and gouernesses of dyuers monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses & places, within this our soueraigne lord the kinges realme of England & Wales, of their owne free & voluntary mindes good willes and assentes, without constrainte, coaction or compulsion of any maner of person or persons, sithen the .xiii. daye of Februarye, the .xxvii. yere of the raigne of our now most dread soueraigne lord, by the due order and course of the common lawes of this his realme of Englande, and by their sufficient writinges of recorde vnder their couent and cõmon seales, haue severally geuen, graũted & by the same their writinges severally confirmed al their sayd monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all their sites, circuites and precinctes of ỹ same, and al and singuler their manors, lordships, granges, meeses, landes, tenemẽtes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woodes, tithes, pensiõs, porcions, churches, chapels, aduousons patronages, annuities, rightes, entres, cõditions, cõmons, leetes, courts, liberties, priuileges, and franchises apperteining or in any wise belonging to any such monastery abbathie, pryorie, nõry colledge hospital, house of friers & other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places or to any of them by what so euer name or corporation thei or any of them were than named or called and of what order habite religion or other kinde or qualitie so euer they or any of them than were reputed knowen or taken: To haue and to holde al the sayd monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuites precinctes manoures lãdes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and all other the premisses to our sayde Soueraigne Lorde hys heyres and Successours for euer and the same their sayde monasteries abbathyes priories nonries

pryories,nonries,colleges,hospitals,houses of friers, and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses & places,sites, circuites,procinctes, manors, lordships, graunges,meases,landes,tenementes,medowes,pastures, rentes:reuercions,seruices,and other the premisses, voluntarilye as is aforesayde haue renoūced left and forsaken, and euery of them hath renounced lefte & forsaken. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, & the lordes spirituall and temporall,and the commons in this presēt parliament assembled and by auctority of the same, that the kinge our soueraigne lorde shall haue,holde,possesse and enioy to him his heires and successours,for euer,all and singuler such late monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses & places, of what kindes, natures, qualities or diuersities of habites, rules, professions or orders they or any of thē were named knowē or called, whiche sith the sayd fourth day of February the.xxbii.yeare of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lorde,haue bene dissolued,suppressed,renounced,relinquyshed,forfaited, geuen vp, or by any other meane come to his highnes,& by the same auctority,and in lyke maner shall haue hold possesse and enioye all the sites,circuytes,procinctes,manors,lordships,graūges,meases,lāds,tenementes,medowes,pastures,rentes,reuercions,seruices,woodes,tithes, pensions,porciōs,personages appropried,vicarages,churches,chapples,aduousons,nominations,patronages,annuities, rights,interesses,entrees, condiciōs,commons,leetes,courts,liberties, priuiledge,fraūchises,and other what soeuer hereditamentes, whiche apperteined or belonged to the sayd late monasteries,abbathies,pryories,nonries,colleges, hospitals,houses of friers,and other religious or ecclesiastical houses and places,or to any of them,in as large and ample maner & forme as the late abbottes,priours,abbesses,pryoresses,and other ecclesiasticall gouernors & gouernesses of such late monasteries, abbathies, pryories,nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers & other religious & ecclesiasticall houses & places,had,held or occupied, or of right ought to haue had holden or occupied in the right of their sayd late monasteries,abbathies,pryories,nonries,colleges,hospitals, houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall, houses or places, at the time of the said dissolution suppression,renouncing,relinquishyng,forfayting,geuinge vp or by any other maner of meane comminge of the same to the kinges highnes sithen the thirde daie of February aboue specified.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctority abouesayde, that not onely all the sayd late monasteries,abbathies,pryories,nonries,colledges,hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, and places, sites, circuites,procinctes, manours, lordeships, granges, meases,landes, tenementes, medowes,pastures,rentes,reuercions,seruices and all other the premisses,forthwith immediatly and presently,but also all other monasteries, abbathies, pryories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers, and al other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places,which hereafter

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shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp, or by any other meane come vnto the kings highnesse, & also al ỳ sites, circuites, precinctes, manours, lordshippes, granges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woods, tythes, pensions, porcions, personages appropriate, vicarages, Churches, chappels, aduoulsons, nominacions, patronages, annuityes, ryghtes, interests, entrees, conditions, commons, leetes, courtes, libertyes, priuiledges, franchises, and other hereditamentes what soeuer they bee, belonginge or appertayninge to ỳ same, or any of them, whan soeuer and as sone as they shalbe dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp, or by any other meane come vnto the kinges highnes, shalbe vested deemed and adiudged by auctority of this present parliament, in the very actual & reall season and possession of the king oure soueraigne lord, his heyres and successours for euer, in the state & condition as they now be, & as thoughe all the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priorys, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of fryers, and all other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, so dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted geuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, as is aforesayd, as also ỳ sayd monasteries, abbathies, priorys, nonryes, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vppe, or come vnto the kinges highnes sites, circuites, precinctes, manours, lordships, graunges, lands, tenements, and other the premisses, what so euer they be, and euery of them, were in this present act specially and particularly rehearsed, named and expressed by expresse wordes, names, titles and facultyes, and in theyr natures kindes and qualityes.

And be it also enacted by thauctority aforesayde, ỳ all the sayde late monasteryes, abbathies, priorys, nonries, colleges, hospitals houses of fryers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses, & places which ben dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, geuen vp, or come to ỳ kinges highnes by any maner of meanes, as is aforesayd, & al the manors, lordshyps, granges, lands, tenements, & other ỳ premisses (except such therof as be comen to the kings hands by atteinder or atteinders of treason) and al the sayde monasteryes, abbathies, priorys, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers, & other religious & ecclesiasticall houses or places, which hereafter shal happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp, or come vnto the kinges highnes, & al the manours, lordships, granges, landes tenements, medowes, pastures, rents, reuercions, seruices, woods, tithes, porcions, pencions, personages, appropriat vicarages, churches, chapels, aduoulsõs, noinaciõs, patronages, annuities, rights, interests, entries cõdiciõs cõmons, letes courtes liberties, priuileges frãcheses & other hereditamẽts whatsoeuer they be, belõging to ỳ same or to anye of thẽ (excepte such therof, which shal happẽ to com to ỳ kings highnes by atteinder or atteinders of treason) shalbe in ỳ order survey & gouernance of our said soue-

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raigne lorde the kynges courte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of hys crowne, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same. And al the fermes issues reuenues and profyttes, comming and growyng, of the premisses, and euery parte thereof (except before except) shalbe ordered taken and receyued to the kinges vse by the sayde chauncellour, ministers, and officers of the same courte, in such and lyke maner and fourme as the monasteryes, priorys, sites, cyrcuites, manours, granges, meses landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, tythes, pensions, porcions, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, condicions, and other hereditamentes late appertayning or belonging vnto the monasteryes, abbathyes, priories or other religious houses, late by auctority of parlyament suppressed, been ordered surueyed and gouerned. Sauing to all and euery persone and personnes and bodyes politicke and theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of all and euery of theym, other than the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalls, houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and theyr successours, and the successour of euery of them, and suche as pretend to bee founders, patrones or donours of suche monasteryes, abbathies, priories, nonryes, colledges, hospytals, houses of fryers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, belonging to ỳ same or to any of them, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euerye suche founder, patron, or donour, and the nowe abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of such monasteryes, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, gyuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, & such as pretend to be foũders, patrons or donours of such monasteryes, abbathies priories, nonryes, colleges, hospitals, houses of fryers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenements, or other hereditaments to the same belonging, or to any of them, theyr heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euerye of theym, all such right, title, clayme, interest, possession, rents, charges, annuityes, leases, fermes, offices, fees, liuerys, and lyuinges, porcions, pensions, corrodyes, commons, synodes, priories and other profites, which they or anye of them haue clayme oughte may or might haue had in or to the premisses, or to any part or parcel thereof, in such like maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had ne made, rentes seruices, rentes secke, and all other seruices & suits onely except.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctority aboue sayd, that if any late abbot, priour, prioresse, abbesse or other ecclesiastical gouernour or gouer-

gouernelle aboue sayd, within one yere next before the dissolucion suppres-
sion renounsing relinquishing forfayting geuing vppe or comming to the
kinges highnes of his late monastery abbathie priorye nonrie colledge hos-
pitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, hath
made any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or otherwise
for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeares, of the site, circuite, and precincte, of
his sayd late monastery, abbathie, pryorie, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house
of fryers or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or of any parte
therof, or of any manours, messuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, perso-
nages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
which belonged or appertayned to his sayd late monastery abbathy pryory
nonry colledge hospitall house of fryers or other religious or ecclesiasticall
house or place, which manours, messuages, graunges, landes, tenementes,
personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamen-
tes, were not before ỳ same lease commonly vsed to be set nor let to ferme,
but kept and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupacion of the sayde
gouernour or gouernesse, for the maintenaunce of hospitality and good
house keping: or wythin one yere, as is aboue saide, hath made any lease or
graũt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or of any manours, messuages
landes tenementes medowes pastures, woods, personages appropriate,
tythes, pencions, porciõs, churches, chappels, or other hereditamẽts what-
soeuer they bee, whereof or in the which anye estate or interest for terme of
lyfe, yere or yeares, at the tyme of the makinge of any such graunt or lease,
than had, his beinge or continuance, and than was not determined, fy-
nished or expyred, or within the time of one yeare, as is aboue sayde, hath
made any lease or graunt for terme of lyfe or for terme of yeres of any ma-
nours, messuages, landes, tenementes, medowes pastures, woods, per-
sonages appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, Churches, Chappelles, or
other hereditamentes, what soeuer they bee, vppon the which leases and
graunted, the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to bee yelden
and reserued by the space of xx. yeares nerte before the firste daye of this
presente parliamente is and bee not thervppon reserued and holden: Or if
anye suche gouernour or gouernesse hath made any bargayne or sale of
his woods, wythin one yeare, as is afore limitted, which woodes bee yet
growinge and standinge, that than all and euery suche lease graunte bar-
gaine and sale of woode or woodes, shalbe vtterlye voyde, and of none
effect.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that all feoffementes fi-
nes and recoueries, had, made, knowledged, or suffered by any gouernour
or gouernesse, without the kings lycẽce vnder his great seale, wythin one
yeare nerte before the dissolution, renouncinge, relinquishinge, forfay-
tyng, geuinge vppe, or comminge vnto the kinges highnesse, of his
sayde monastery, abbathie, priorye, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of
fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or anye ma-

noys, meales, lands, tenementes, or other hereditaments, whatsoeuer they bee, wherof the sayde late abbot, priour, abbesse, prioresse, and other ecclesyasticall gouernour and gouernesse, or anye of theym, or any of theyr predecessours had or helde of the gyfte, graunte, or confirmacion of oure sayde soueraygne lorde, or any of his highnes progenitours, or of the which monasteries, abbathyes, prioryes, nonryes, colledges, hospitalles, houses of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses, or places, oure sayd soueraygne lord was founder or patron, or which manoures, meales, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes were of the aunciente or olde foundacion or possession of the said late monasteryes, abbathyes, prioryes, nonryes colledges, hospitalles, houses of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritye abouesayde, that if anye abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioresse, or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouernesse of any monastery, abbathye, prioryе, nonry, colledge, hospitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, which hereafter shal happen to bee dissolued, suppressed renounced relinquyshed forfaited geeuen vppe, or come to the kinges highnes wythin one yeare next before the fyrst day of this presente parliamente haue made or hereafter doe make any lease or graunt vnder his couent or commō seale, or other wyse for terme of yeares, or lyfe or lyues, of the site circuite and precincte of hys sayde monastery abbathye priory nonry colledge hospitall house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any part thereof or of any manours, meluages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes pencions porcions, or other hereditamentes belonginge or appertayning to his sayde monastery, abbathie, prioryе, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of fryers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, which manours, meales, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages, appropriate tithes pensions porcions, and other hereditamentes, what so euer they bee, were not after the same lease commonlye vsed to bee sette nor lette to ferme, but kepte and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupation of the sayde gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospitality and good house keeppyng, or now be in the manuraunce tillage or occupacion of the sayde gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospitality and good house keepinge, or wythin one yeare nexte before the fyrst daye of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make anye lease or graunte, for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeares, of anye manours, meales, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, Churches, Chappelles, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they bee, whereof and in the which any estate or interesse for terme of lyfe, yeare or yeares, at the tyme of the makinge of anye suche graunte or lease then hadde his beynge or continuaunce, or hereafter shall haue his beinge or continuaunce, and

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and that was not determined finished or expired, or at ỳ tyme of any such lease to be made shall not be determined, finished or expired or within one yere next before the first day of this present parliament, hath made or hereafter shall make any lease or graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeares, of any manors, messuages, lands, tenements, medowes, pastures, woods, personages, appropriate, tythes, pensions, porcions, churches, chappels or other hereditamentes, what soeuer they be, vpon the which leasses & graūtes the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of .rr. yeres next, before the sayde first day of this presēt parliament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be therupon reserued & yelden: Or of any such gouernour or gouernesse of any such monastery, abbathie, priory, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place which hereafter shall happē to be dissolued, suppressed renounced, relinquished, forfaited, geuen vp or come to the kinges highnes, within one yere next before the firste daye of this present parliament, hath made, or hereafter shall make any bargaine or sale of his woodes, whiche woodes be yet growinge & standinge, that then all and euery suche lease graūt bargayn and sale of wood or woods, shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by thauctority afore sayd that al feoffemēts, fines and recoueries had, made knowledged or suffered within one yeare next before the first day of this present parliament: or hereafter to be had made knowleged or suffered by any gouernour or gouernesse of anye monastery abbathie, priory, nonry, colledge, hospitall, house of friers or other religiouse, or ecclesiasticall house or place, whiche hereafter shal happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp, or come to ỳ kings highnes, without the kynges licence vnder his great Seale, of anye manours, meeses, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes what soeuer they be, which the sayd abbottes, priours, abbesses prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, relinquished, forfayted, geuen vp or come vnto the kinges highnes, as is afore sayde, or any of them, or any of their predecessors had or helde, or haue and holde of the gifte, graunte, or confirmacion of our sayde soueraigne lorde, or of any of his highnes progenitors, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, our sayde soueraigne lorde is founder or patrone, or which manours, meeses, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamētes, were or be of the auncient or olde fondacion or possession of the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religiouse or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shall be vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouided alway, & be it enacted by auctority aboueſayd, that if any abbot, priour abbeſſe or prioreſſe, or other gouernour or gouerneſſe aboueſayde, within one yere next before the firſte day of this preſent parliament, or yf any late abbot, priour, abbeſſe, prioreſſe, or other late gouernour or gouerneſſe aboueſayd, within one yere nexte before any ſuch diſſolution, ſuppreſſion, renounſinge, relinquiſhinge, forfaitinge, geuinge vp or commynge to the kinges highnes of the premiſſes, or of any parcell therof, as is aforeſayd, haue made any demiſe, leaſe or graunt, to any perſon or perſons for terme of yeres, of any manours meeſes, landes tenementes, perſonages, appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforeſayde, whiche perſon or perſons at the time of the ſayde demiſe, leaſe or graunte, had and helde the ſame to ferme for terme of yeres than not expired: that than the ſaide perſon or perſons, to whom anye ſuche demiſe, leaſe, or graunte hath bene ſo made ſhall haue and holde the ſame for the terme of.xxi. yeres onely from the tyme of the makinge of the ſayde demiſe leaſe, or graunt, yf ſo many yeres be by the ſame demiſe, leaſe or graunte ſpecified, limitted & expreſſed, or els for ſo many yeres as in ſuch demiſe, leaſe or graunt bene expreſſed, ſo that the olde rent be therupon reſerued, & ſo that the ſame leaſe or leaſes exceed not.xxi. yeres. This acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

¶ Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by thauctority aboueſayde, that yf any abbotte, priour, abbeſſe, prioreſſe, or other late gouernour or gouerneſſe, within one yere nexte before any ſuch diſſolucion, ſuppreſſion, renouncing, relinquiſhing, forfaytinge, giuinge vp or comminge vnto the kinges highnes of the premiſſes, or anye parcell therof, as is aforeſayde, haue made anye demiſe, leaſe or graunt to any perſon or perſons for terme of life or lines of any manours, meeſes, landes, tenementes, perſonages, appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforeſayd, which perſon or perſons or any of them, at the time of the ſayde demiſe, leaſe or graunte had & helde the ſame for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that then the ſayd perſon or perſõs, to whom any ſuch leaſe or graũt hath bene ſo made, ſhall haue and hold the ſame for terme of their lyfe or lyues, ſo that the olde rent be therupon reſerued: This act or any other thing therin conteined to the contrary therof notwithſtandynge.

¶ Prouided alſo and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that all and ſinguler leaſes and grauntes, made by copy to any perſon or perſons of any of the ſayde meſſuages, landes, tenementes, perſonages appropriate, tithes, penſions, porcions or other hereditamentes aforeſayde, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the cuſtome of the countreie, hath bene vſed to be demiſed, letted, or graunted by copy of courte Rolle, ſhall be good and effectuall in the lawe, ſo that the olde rent be reſerued by and vpon euery ſuch leaſe and leaſes: this acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrary

to the contrary in any wise notwithstading.

Prouided alway and be it further enacted by thauctority aforesayde, ỹ all leases heretofore made of any the premisses by auctorite of our soueraigne lorde the kinges courte of Augmentacions, of the reuenues of hys crowne, and all such leases, feoffementes and woode sales, made by the sayd gouernours and gouernesses, or any of them, vnder their couent seales, or vnder the couent or common seale of any of theim, within one yeare nexte before the dissolution, suppression, renouncinge, relinquishinge, forfaytinge, geuinge vp or comminge to the kinges highnes, of the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, whiche sayde leases, graūtes, feoffementes & woode sales haue ben examined, enrolled, decreed or affirmed in our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinges courte of Augmentaciōs, and the decree of the same put in writinge, sealed with the seale of the sayd courte of Augmentacions, shall be good and effectuall accordinge to the same decree: any clause or acte, heretofore in this present acte to the contrarye notwithstanding.

Prouided alwaye and be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aboue sayde, that if any person or persons haue iustly and truly, withoute fraude or couine, payed or geuen any summe or summes of money to any the sayd late gouernours or gouernesses, for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, being and growinge in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes or hereditaments, which apperteined or belonged to the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiastical places or vnto any of them which bargaine and sale, by auctority of this acte, is made voyde and of none effecte, and by meane therof the kinges highnes maye haue and take the commodity and profit of such woodes, so bargained and solde: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our sayde soueraygne Lorde the kinges court of Augmentacions, or three of them, wherof the Chauncellour for the time beinge shall be one, of our sayde soueraygne Lorde the kinges treasour, remaininge in the Treasorye of the same courte, shall satisfie and recompence euery suche person and persons, such summe of money, or other recompence, as ỹ same chauncellour and officers, or three of them, whereof the sayde Chauncellour shall be one, shall thinke meete and conuenient. And if any other person or persons shall happen to take profit and commodity, by reason of aduoydingof such woode sales by auctority of this act, ỹ then euery person and persons, whiche may or shall take such profit, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to bee greeued by this acte, by the sayde Chauncellour and other the officers of ỹ same court.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by thauctority aboue sayde, that all and euerye person and persons their heires and assignes, whiche sithen

the sayde iiii. daye of Februarye, by licence, pardon, confirmacion, release, assente or consent of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge, vnder his greate seale heretofore geuen had or made, or hereafter to be had or made, haue obteyned or purchased by indenture, fine, feoffement, recouery or otherwyse of the sayde late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, or other gouernours or gouernesses of any such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses or places, any monasteries, priories, colledges, hospitals, manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, churches, chappels, personages, tythes, pensions, porcions or other hereditamentes shall haue and enioye the same, according to such writinges and assurances as beene therof before the first day of this present parliamēt or hereafter shalbe had or made.

¶ Sauinge to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike their heires and successours: and to the heires and successours of euery of them other then the sayde late abbottes, abbesses, priours, prioresses and other gouernours and gouernesses and their successours and the successours of euery of them, and such as pretende to be founders, patrons or donours of the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses, or places: or of any of them, or of any manours, messuages, lands, tenementes, or other hereditamentes late belonginge to the same, or to anie of them, and theyr heires, successours, and the heires & successours of euerie suche founder patrone or donor, all suche right, title, interest, possession rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees liuereis, and liuinges, porcions pensions, corrodies, synodes, priories, and other profites, which thei or any of thē haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the sayd monasteries, abbathies, priories, colledges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices reuersions tithes pensions, porcions or other hereditamentes at any tyme before any such purchase, indentures fines, feoffementes recoueries or other lawfull meane betwene any such partyes had or made as is abouesayd this acte or any thing therin conteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And where our sayde soueraygne lorde sith the. iiij. daye of Februarye, the sayde xxvii. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraigne lorde, hath obteyned and purchased as well by exchaunges as by gyftes bargaynes fynes, feoffementes recoueries dedes enrolled and otherwise of diuers and sundrye persons many and diuers honours castelles manours landes tenements medowes, pastures woodes rentes reuersions, seruices and other hereditamentes and hath not onely payed diuers and sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath geuen and graunted for the same, vnto diuers and sundry persons diuers & sundry manours, landes tenementes and hereditamentes and other recompenses in and for full satisfaction of all suche honours, castelles manours, landes tenementes, rentes reuersions

ons,seruices and other his hereditamētes,by his highnes obteined or had as is aboueſayde.Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aboueſayde that our ſayde ſoueraigne lorde the kinge,his heires and ſucceſſours,ſhall haue holde poſſeſſe and enioy all ſuch honours, caſtels, manours, landes,tenementes,and other hereditamentes as his highnes ſythe the ſayde fourthe day of Februarye,the .xxvii.yeare aboueſayde, hath obtayned & had by way of exchaunge, bargaine, purchaſe or other what ſoeuer meane or meanes according to the true meaninge and intente of his highnes bargayne,exchaunge or purchaſe, miſrecitall, miſnaming or nōrecitall or not naming of ỹ ſayd honours, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes compriſed or mencioned in the bargaines or writinges made betwene the kinges highnes & any other partye or parties, or of the townes or counties,where the ſayde honours,caſtels,manours,landes,tenements and hereditaments lye and bene,or any other matter or cauſe what ſoeuer it be in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

¶ Sauing to all and euery perſon and perſons,and to their heires,bodies politike and corporate,and to their ſucceſſours and to euery of them,other than ſuch perſon and perſons and their heires and their wiues,and the wiues of euery of them, bodies politike and corporate and their ſucceſſours & euery of them,of whome the kynges highnes hath obteyned by exchaunge gifte,bargayne,fine,feoffemente,recouery,deede enrolled or otherwiſe,any ſuch honours,caſtels,manours,landes,tenementes & other hereditamentes,as is aforeſayde,all ſuch right,title,vſe,intereſt,poſſeſſion, rentes,charges,annuities,cōmodities,fees and other profits,(rentes,ſeruices and rentes ſeckes onely excepte)which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had in or to the premiſſes ſo obteyned and had, or in or to any parcell therof, if this acte had neuer bene had nor made,this preſente acte or anye thynge therin conteyned to the contrary notwithſtandinge.

¶ And where it hath pleaſed the kinges highnes of his moſte abundante grace and goodnes,aſwell vpon diuers and ſundry conſiderations his maieſty ſpecially mouing, as alſo otherwiſe to haue bargained, ſolde, chaunged or geuen and graunted by his graces ſeuerall letters patentes,indentures or other writinges, aſwell vnder his highnes great ſeale, as vnder the ſeale of his highnes Duchy of Lancaſter, and the ſeale of the office of ỹ Augmentacions of his crowne, vnto diuers and ſundrye of his louinge & obedient ſubiectes, diuers and ſundrye honours caſtels, manours,monaſteries,abbathies,priories,lādes, tenemētes,rētes, reuerciōs,ſeruices,perſonages appropriated,aduouſons,liberties,tithes,oblatiōs,porcions,penſions,franchiſes,priuileges, liberties and other hereditamentes, commodities and profites,in fee ſimple,fee tayle for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres: For auoyding of which ſayde letters patentes and of the contentes of the ſame, diuers ſundry and many ambiguities doubtes & queſtiōs might hereafter ariſe be moued and ſtirred,aſwell for miſrecitall or nonrecitall,as for diuers other matters thinges or cauſes to be alledged,obiected or inuē-

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ted againſt the ſayd letters patentes, as alſo for lacke of finding of offices or inquiſitions, wherby the title of his highnes therin ought to haue beene founde, before the makinge of the ſame letters patentes, or for miſrecital or nonrecitall of leaſes, as well of records as not of recorde, or for lacke of the certainty of the values, or by reaſon of miſnaminge of the honours, caſtels, manours, monaſteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes compriſed and mencioned within the ſame letters patentes, or of the townes and counties, where the ſame honours, caſtels, manours, monaſteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes lyen and beene, for diuers and ſundre other ſuggeſtions and ſurmiſes, whiche hereafter might happen to bee moued ſurmiſed & procured againſt the ſame letters patentes: all be it the wordes in effect conteined in the ſayd letters patentes be according to the true intent and meaning of his moſt royall maieſty. Be it therfore enacted by the auctority of this preſent parliament, that as well all and euery the ſaid letters patentes, indentures, or other writinges and euery of them, vnder ỹ ſeale or ſeales aboueſayd, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kings highnes, ſithen the ſayde fourth daye of Februarye, the ſayde .xxvii. yeare of his moſt noble reigne as all and ſinguler other his graces letters patentes indentures or other writinges to be had made or graunted to any perſõ or perſons within three yere next after the making of this preſent acte of any honours, caſtels, manours, monaſteries, abbathies, priories, nunries, colleges, hoſpitals, houſes of friers, or of other religious or eccleſiaſticall houſes or places, ſites, circuites, procinctes, landes, tenementes, perſonages, tithes, penſions, porcions, aduouſons, nominacions and all other hereditamentes and poſſeſſions, of what kinde nature or quality ſoeuer they be, or by what ſoeuer name or names they or any of them be named, knowen or reputed, ſhall ſtande and be good, effectuall & auailable in the law of thys realme to all reſpectes purpoſes, conſtructions and intentes againſt his maieſty hys heires and ſucceſſours, without any other licence, diſpenſacion or tolleracõ of the kinges highnes his heires and ſucceſſours, or of any other perſon or perſons what ſoeuer they be, for any thinge or thinges conteyned or herafter to be conteyned in any ſuch letters, patentes, indentures or other writinges: any cauſe conſideracion or thinge materiall to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtanding.

¶ Sauing to all and ſinguler perſons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and ſucceſſours, and the heires and ſucceſſours of euery of them other then his highnes his heires and ſucceſſours, and the ſayde gouernours and gouerneſſes and their ſucceſſours, donours, founders and patrons aforenamed and their heires and ſucceſſors, and all other perſons clayminge in their rightes or to their vſe, or in the right or to the vſe of any of them, all ſuch right, title, clayme, intereſt, poſſeſſion, reuercion, remaynder, offices, annuities, rentcharges and cõmons, whiche they or any of them haue, ought or mought haue had in or to any of the ſayde honours, caſtels, manours, monaſ-

monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, in the sayde letters patentes made, or hereafter to be made, compriſed at anye time before the makinge of the saide or such letters patentes: This acte or any thinge therin conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

¶ And where diuers and sundry abbottes, priores, abbesses, prioresses, & other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, haue had possessed and enioyed diuers and sundry personages, appropriated tithes, pensions and porcions and also were acquited and discharged of and for the payment or paimētes of tithes to be payd out or for their sayde monasteries, abbathies priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes and hereditamentes. Be it therfore enacted by thauctority abouesayd, that aswell the kinge our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours, as all and euerye suche person and persons, theyr heyres and assignes, which haue or hereafter shall haue anye monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalls, houses of fryers, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circuites, precinctes of the same, or of anye of theim, or anye manours, messuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, which belonged or apperteined, or which nowe belonge or appertaine vnto the sayde monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of fryers, or other religions & ecclesiasticall houses or places, or vnto any of them, shall haue holde reteine, kepe & enioy, aswel the said personages appropriate, tithes, pensiōs, and porcions of the said monasteries, abbathies, priores, nonries, colledges hospitals houses of fryers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, sites, circuites, precinctes, manours, meses, landes, tenements, and other heteditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, & euery of them according to theyr estates and titles, discharged and acquited of paymente of tithes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the saide abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernonrs and gouernesses, or anye of them had, helde, occupied, possessed, vsed, retayned, or enioyed the same, or any parcell thereof at the dayes of their dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forfayting, geuing vppe or comminge to the kings highnes of such monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or at the day of the dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishinge geuinge vppe or comminge to the kinges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thinge therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sauing to the kings highnes his heyres and successours all and all maner of rentes, seruices, and other duties, whatsoeuer they be, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

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¶ And be it further enacted by aucthority of this present parliament, that such of the sayd late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches, and chapels, to them or any of them belonginge whyche before the dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, fortayting geuing vp or cōming vnto the kinges highnes, were exēpted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of the ordinary or ordinaries within whose diocesse they were situate or set, shall from henceforth be wīn the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they or anye of them be situate and set, or within the iurisdiction & visitacion of such person or persons, as by the kinges highnes shalbe limitted or apointed: this act or any other excepcion, liberty or iurisdiction to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And where before this time it hath pleased the kinges maiestye, at the contemplacion and humble peticion of the Right Noble Thomas Duke of Norff. to geue his royall assente of licence by his graces worde without any maner of letters patentes or other writinge, to purchase and receiue to him & to his heires for euer, of william Flatbery, late abbotte of the monastery of Sipton, in the county of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beyng dissolued, all the same monasterye together, with all and singuler manours, lordships, landes, tenementes, woodes, waters, commons, courts, leets, aduousons, patronages, personages, vicarages, chaūtries, free chapels, tithes, porcions of tithes, pensions, annuities, rentes, suites, seruices, reuercions, remainders and all other thinges, which were ẏ hereditamentes or the possessions of the sayd late monastery, where soeuer they lay or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewise our sayd soueraigne lorde, gaue like licence by his graces worde vnto the righte honorable George lorde Cobham, to purchase and receiue to him and to his heires for euer, of the late maister and brethren of the colledge or chaūtrye of Cobham, in the county of Kente, now beynge vtterly dessolued, the site of the same colledge or chauntry, and all and singuler their hereditaments and possessions, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall, where soeuer they laye or were within the realme of Englande.

Be it therfore enacted by thauctority of this present parliament, that the acte aboue written, or any thinge therin conteined, shall not be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to the sayde Duke, and lord Cobham, or to either of them, or to the heires or assignes of eyther of thē, but that ẏ same duke and lorde cobham, and either of thē sondrily, and the heires and assignes of eyther of them, shall and maye haue, holde, receiue and enioye the premisses by them sondrily purchased or receiued, according to the purportes and effectes of such euidences, writinges and conueiances, as they or any of thē sondrilye haue caused to be deuised and made to them, or to theyr vses for the same. Sauynge alway and reseruinge to all and singuler persōs and bodyes politike, and to their heyres and successours, other than the

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the ſaid late abbotte and couente, and theyr ſucceſſours, and the ſayd late maiſter and bretherne, and theyr ſucceſſours and the founders of the ſame monaſtery, or of the ſayde colledge or chauntrie, and the heyres of eyther of theym, and all honours, graunters, or augmenters of them, or of eyther of them, and the heires and aſſignes of eyther of them, all ſuch rightes, titles, poſſeſſions, rentes, ſeruices, fees, offices, annuityes, corrodies, liueries, leaſes & all other theyr ſuche intereſtes, profites and commodities, as they or any of them had ſhould or oughte to haue, of to or in anye of the premiſſes ſondrily purchaſed or receiued by ỹ ſayd duke or lorde Cobham if this preſent act had neuer ben had or made, any thing in the ſame acte to the contrary being in any wiſe notwythſtanding.

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHINGE
of diuerſitie of opinions in certaine articles concerning Chriſten Religion.

Cap. xliij.

WHere the kinges moſte excellente maieſtye is by Gods lawe ſupreame heade immediatlye vnder him of this whole church and congregacion of Englande, intending the conſeruacion of the ſame Church and congregation in a true ſincere and vniforme doctrine of Chriſtes religion, callinge alſo to his bleſſed and moſte gracious remembraunce, as well the great and quiet aſſuraunce, proſperous encreaſe, and other innumerable commodityes, which haue euer enſued come and followed of concorde agreemente and vnitye in opinions, as alſo the manifolde perills, daungers, and inconueniences, which haue heretofore in many places and regions, eſpecially of matters of chriſten religion: and therefore deſyring, that ſuch an vnity might and ſhould bee charitably eſtabliſhed in all thinges touchynge and concerning the ſame, as the ſame ſo beyng eſtablyſhed, myghte chiefely bee to the honour of almighty God, the very author and fountayne of all true vnity & ſincere concorde, and conſequently redounde to the cõmon wealth of this his highnes moſt noble realme, and of all hys louing ſubiectes, and other reſiauntes and inhabitauntes of or in the ſame: hath therefore cauſed and commaunded this hys moſte hygh courte of Parlyamente, for ſondry and many vrgent cauſes and conſyderacions, to bee at this tyme ſummoned, and alſo a Synode and conuocation of all the archbiſhoppes, biſhoppes, and other learned men of the clergy of thys his realme, to be in lyke maner aſſembled.

And

And for as much as in the said parliament Synode and cõuocation there were certaine articles, matters, and questions proponed and sette foorth touching Christen religion, that is to saye. First whether in the moste blessed Sacrament of the alter remayneth after the consecration, the substaunce of breade and wyne, or no. Secondly, whether it bee necessary by Gods lawe, that all men shoulde communicate with bothe kindes or no. Thyrdly, whether priestes, that is to saye, men dedicate to God by priesthoode, maye by the lawe of God, marry after or no. Fourthly, whether vowe of chastitye or wydowhed, made to God aduised by man or womã, be by the law of God to be obserued, or no. Fiftely, whether priuate Masses stande with the lawe of God, and bee to bee vsed and continued in the Church and congregacion of Englande, as thinges whereby good christẽ people may and do receiue both Godly consolation, and holsome benefites or no. Sixtly, whether auricular confession is necessary to be reteyned, continued, vsed, and frequented in the Church, or no. The kinges moste royall maiesty, moste prudently pondring and considering, that by occasion of variable and sondrye opinions and iudgementes of the sayde articles greate discorde and variaunce hath arisen, as well amongest the clergy of this his realme, as amongest a greate nomber of the vulgar people, his louing subiectes of the same: And being in a full hope and truste, that a full and perfect resolucion of the saide articles, should make a perfect concorde and vnity generally amonges all his louing and obedient subiectes, of his moste excellente goodnes not onely commaunded, that the sayde articles should deliberately and aduisedly, by his sayde archbishops, bishoppes, and other learned men of his clergie, bee debated, argued and reasoned, and their opinions therein to bee vnderstande, declared, and knowen, but also moste graciously vouchsaued: in his owne princely person, to discende and come vnto his said high court of Parliamente and counsell, and there like a prince of moste high prudence, and no lesse learning, opened and declared many thinges of high learning and great knowledge, touchinge the saide articles matters and questions, for anvnity to bee had in the same. Whervpon after a great and longe deliberate and aduised disputacion and consultacion had and made, concerning the sayde articles, as well by the consent of the kinges highnesse, as by the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and other learned men of his clergie in theyr conuocations, and by the consente of the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, it was and is finally resolued accorded and agreed in maner and fourme following, that is to saye. First, that in the moste blessed Sacrament of the altare, by the strengthe and efficacy of Christes mighty worde (it being spoken by the priest) is presente really vnder the fourme of breade and wyne, the naturall body and blond of our sauiour Jesu Christe, conceyued of the virgin Mary: And that after the consecration there remayneth no substaunce of breade or wyne, nor any other substaũce, but the substaunce of Christ, God and man.

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Secondly, that ỹ communion in both kindes, is not necessary Ad salutem by the lawe of god to all persõs: And that it is to be beleued and not doubted of, but that in the flesshe, vnder the fourme of bread, is the very bloude, and with the bloud, vnder fourme of wine, is the verye flesshe aswell aparte as though they were both together.

¶ Thirdely that prieστes, after the order of priesthode receiued, as afore, maye not marye by the lawe of God.

¶ Fourthely, that vowes of chastitie wydowheade, by man or woman made to god aduisedly, ought to be obserued by the lawe of God: and that it exempteth them frome the liberties of Christen people, whiche without that they might enioye.

¶ Fiftely, that it is meete and necessary, that priuate masses be continued and admitted in this the kinges Englishe churche and congregacion, as whereby good christen people, orderinge them selues accordinglye, do receiue bothe godly and goodly consolations and benefites: and it is agreeable also to gods lawe.

¶ Sixtly, that Auricular confession is expedient and necessary to be reteined and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of god: For the whiche most godly study peyne and trauaile of his maiestie, and determinacion and resolution of the premisses, his moste humble & obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, not onely rendre and geue vnto his highnes their moste highe and hartie thankes, & thinke them selues moste bounden, to pray for the longe continuaunce of his graces moste royall estate, but also being desirous, that his moste godlye enterprise maye bee well accomplished and broughte to a full ende and perfection, and so established, that the same might be to the honour of god, and after to the common quiete vnity and concord to be had in the hole bodie of this realme for euer: Moste humblye beseechen his royall maiestie, that the resolution and determinacion aboue written of the saide articles, maie bee established and perpetually perfited by auctorite of this present parliament: It is therfore ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons within this realme of Englande, or anye other the kinges dominions, after the xii. daye of July nert comming, by worde, writing, imprintinge, cikring, or in any other wise, do publishe, preache, teache, say, affirme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde any opinion, that in the blessed Sacrament of the altare, vnder fourme of bread & wyne (after the consecracion thereof) there is not present, really, ỹ naturall bodie & bloude of oure sauiour Jesu Christe, conceiued of the virgin Marye or that after the saide consecracion, there remaineth any substance of bread or wine or any other substance, but the substance of Christ: God and man. Or after the tyme aboue saide, publishe, preache, teache, saye, affyrme, declare, dispute, argue or holde opinion, that in the flesshe,

vnder fourme of bread, is not the very blood of Christe. Or that with the blonde, vnder the fourme of wine, is not the very flesshe of Christ aswell aparte as though they were both to gether. Or by any the meanes aboue saide, or otherwise, preache, teache, declare, or affirme the saide Sacrament to be of other substance, than is aboue sayde, or by anye meane contempne, deprave or dispise the saide blessed Sacramente: that then euery suche person and persons, so offending, their aydours, confortes counsaylours, consentours, and abettours, therin, beynge thereof conuicted in fourme vnder written, by the auctoritie aboue sayde, shalbe deemed & adiudged heretikes. And that euery suche offence, shalbe adiudged manifeste heresie: And that euery such offendour and offendours, shall therfore haue and suffre iudgements execution peine and peines of death, by way of burning without any abiuracion clergy or Sanctuary, to be therfore permitted had allowed admitted, or sulfered: And also shall therfore forfaite and leese to the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, all his or their honoures manours, castelles, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuersions, reuercs, possessions, and all other his or their hereditamentes goods and catals, fermes and freholdes, what so euer they be, which any such offender or offenders shall haue at the time of any such offence or offences committed or done, or at any time after, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this presente parliament, that if any person or persons, after the saide .xii. day of July, preache in anye sermon or collacion, openlye made to the kinges people, or teache in any common schole, or to other congregacion of people, or beynge called before suche iudges, and accordinge to suche fourme of the lawe, as hereafter shalbe declared, doe obstinately affirme, vpholde mainteine, or defende, that the communion of the sayde blessed Sacrament in bothe kindes, that is to saye, in fourme of bread and also of wine, is necessary for the health of mans soule, to be geuen or ministred, or ought or should be geuen or ministred to any person in bothe kindes. Or that it is necessary so to be receiued or taken by any person (other than by priestes beynge at Masse, and consecrating the same) Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receiued (as aforesaide) may marry, or may contracte matrimonie. Or that any man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or professed, or should vowe or professe chastitie or widowhed, may marry, or maye contracte matrimonie. Or y priuate masses be not lawfull, or not lawdable, or shoulde not be celebrated had nor vsed in this realme, nor be not agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expediente and necessarie to be reteined and continued, vsed & frequented in the churche of God: Or if any priest, after the saide .xii. daye of July, or any other man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or after the saide daie aduisedly doe vowe chastitie or widowhed, do actually marry or contract matrimony with any person, that then all and euery person and persons, so preaching, teaching, obstinatelye affirminge, vpholdinge, mainteininge, or defendinge, or ma-

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kynge mariage or contracte of matrimonye, as is aboue specified, be and shalbe, by auctoritye aboue writen, deemed and iudged a felon and felons. And that euery offender in the same, beinge therfore duly conuicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder written, shal therfore suffer peines of death, as in cases of felonie, without any benefite of clergy, or priuilege of churche or sanctuary, to him or hir to be allowed in that behalfe. And shall forfaite all his or hir landes and goods, as in cases of felony. And that it shall be lawfull to ỹ patrone or patrones of any maner of benefice, which any such offendour at the time of his sayd conuiction or atteinder had, to presente one other incumbente therunto, as if the same person, so conuicted or atteinted, had bene bodily deceassed.

Also be it enacted, by the auctority aforesayd, that if any person or persons, after the sayde .xii. day of July, by woord, writynge, printinge, cyphringe, or otherwise than is aboue rehersed, publishe declare or holde opinion, that the sayd communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kindes aforesayd, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be geuen or ministred in both kindes, and so ought or should be geuen and ministred to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kindes receiued or taken by any person, other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecratyng the same, as is aforesayd. Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receiued, as is aforesayd, may marye, or may make contract of matrymony. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shall make avowe to God of chastitie or widowhed, maie marie, or may make contract of matrimony: Or that priuate Masses, be not lawfull or not lawdable, or shoulde not be celebrated had or vsed, nor be agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auriculer confession is not expediente and necessarie to be retained and continued, vsed and frequented in the church of god: euerye person, beynge for anye such offence duelye conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder writen, shall forfaite and lose to the kinge our soueraign lord all his goodes and catalles for euer, and also the profites of all his landes, tenementes, annuities, fees and offices during his lyfe, and all his benefyces & spirituall promocions shall be vtterly voyd: And also shall suffre imprisonmente of his bodie at the will and pleasure of our sayde soueraigne lorde the kinge. And if any suche person or persons, being once conuycte of any the offences mencioned in this article, as is abouesayde, dooe afterwarde eftesones offende in any of the same, and be therof accused, indited or presented & conuict agayne by auctority of the lawes vnder written, ỹ then euery such person and persons, so beinge twise conuicte and atteinted of the sayd offences, or of any of them, shall be adiudged a felon and felons and shall suffre iudgement, execucion and peines of deathe, losse and forfaiture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, without any priuilege of clergy or sainctuary to be in any wise permitted, admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

Be it further enacted, by the auctority abouesayde, that if any person

which is or hath bene a preist before this present parliament, or during the time of session of the same hath maried, and hath made any contract of matrimony with any woman, or that any man or woman, which before the makinge of this acte, aduisedly hath vowed chastity or wydowhede, before this present parliament, or duryng the session of the same, hath maryed and contract matrimonie with any person, that then euery such mariage and contracte of matrymony shalbe vtterly voyd and of none effecte. And that the ordinaryes, within whose dioceese or iurisdictions the persō or persons so maried or contracted, is or be residente or abidinge, shall from time to time make seperacion and deuorces of the said mariages and contractes.

¶ And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any man, which is or hath bene preist, as is aforesayd, at any time from or after the sayd.xii.day of July next cōmyng, dooe carnally kepe or vse any woman to whom he is or hath bene maried, or with whom he hath contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersante, keepe company or familiarity, with any suche woman, to the euell example of other persons, euery such carnall vse copulacion open conuersation keping of company and familiaritye, be and shalbe demed and adiudged felonye, as well against ẏ man as the woman and that euery suche person so offending, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished, suffre lose and forfait all and euery thing and things as other felons made and declared by this acte, and as in case of felonie as is aforesayde.

¶ Be it also further enacted by the auctoritye aforesayde (not geuynge aduantage or detriment to any article aforе rehersed) that if any man, whiche is or hath ben preist, or hereafter shalbe, at any time after the sayde xii. daye of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, or kepe hir as his concubine, as by payinge for hir bourde, mainteininge hir with money, arraye or any other giftes or meanes, to the euill example of other persons, that than euery such offendour beyng therof duely conuicted or atteinted by ẏ lawes mencioned in this acte, shall forfaite and lose all his goods & cattelles, benefices, prebendes, and other spirituall promocions and dignities and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his bodie at ẏ kinges wyll and pleasure. And that euery of the sayde benefices prebendes & other promocions and dignities shalbe to all intentes and purposes vtterlye voyde as if the sayd offender had resigned or permuted. And if any such offender or offenders at any time after the saide conuiction or atteinder, eftsones committe do or perpetrate the sayde offences or any of them, nert afore rehersed, and be thereof dewely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes aforesaide, that then all and euery suche offence and offences shall be deemed & adiudged felony: and the offender and offenders therin shall suffre peynes of death, and lose and forfayte all his and their goods, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felonye, without hauinge any benefite of clergy or sanctuarye.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that those women

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with whom all and singuler the forsayde prystes shall in any of the forsayde wayes haue to do with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesayd shal haue lyke punyshement as the prystes.

¶ And be it further enacted, by auctority abouesayde, that if any person or persons at any time hereafter, contempne or contemptuously, refuse, deny or absteine to be confessed at any time cõmonly accustomed within this realme and church of Englande, or contempte, or contemptuously refuse, deny or absteine to receiue the holy and blessed sacrament abouesayde, at the tyme commonly vsed and accustomed for the same: that then euery suche offender, beinge therof duelye conuicted or attainted by the lawes vnder writen, shall suffre suche imprisonment, and make such fine and raunsome to the kinge our soueraign lorde and his heires, as by his highnes, or by his or their counsell shalbe ordered and adiudged in that behalfe. And if any such offendour or offendours, at any time or times after the sayde conuiction or attaynder so had, do eftsones contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or absteine to be confessed, or to be communicate in maner and forme aboue writen, and be therof duely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder writen: that than euery such offẽce shalbe deemed and adiudged felony, and the offendour or offendours therin shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfayte all his and their goodes, landes & tenementes, as in cases of felony.

¶ And for full and effectuall execution of the premisses before deuised, ordeined and enacted by this acte. Be it furthermore enacted by thauctorite of this present parliament, that immediately after the sayd. xii. day of July nert comming, sundry commissions shall be made, from time to time, into euery shire of this realme and Wales, and in and to such other places within the kinges dominions, as shall please his maiestye, to be directed to the archbishop or bishop of the diocesse, and to his chauncellour or commissary, and to such other persons, as shalbe named by his highnes, or by such other as his maiesty at his pleasure shall appoinct to name the same: which archbishop or bishop, his chauncellour or commissary, & other persons, so to be named, or three of them at the least, wherof the archbishop or byshop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and keepe their sessions within the limites of their commission foure seuerall times of the yeare at the leaste, or oftener, if they shall thinke it expedient by theyr discrecions, & shall haue power and auctority, by vertue of this acte, and their sayd commission, as well to take information and accusacion by the othes and depositions of two able and lawfull persons at the least, as to enquier by ỳ othes of. xij. men, of all and singuler the heresies, felonies, contemptes, and other offences aboue writen, committed done or perpetrate within the limites of their commission. And that euerye such accusacion, and information cõteining the matter names surnames & dwelling places of the offenders, & the day yere, place and county whan and wherin their offẽces were cõmitted, shalbe of as good force & effecte in the law, as if the matter

therin conteyned had bene presented by verdict of xii.men.

¶ And neuerthelesse it is further enacted, that euerye of the sayde archbyshops and byshops, and euery of their chauncellours, commissaries archdeacons and other ordinaryes, hauinge any peculiar ecclesiasticall iurisdictions within this realme or in wales, or in any other the kyngs dominions, shall haue full power & auctority, by vertue of this acte, aswell to enquere in their visitacions & Senis as there and els where within their iurisdictions, at any other time or place, to take accusacions and informacions, as is aforesayde, of the heresies, felonies, contemptes and offences aboue mencioned, done, cōmitted or perpetrated within the limites of their iurisdiction and auctorities: And that euerye such accusacion, information and presentment, so taken or had as is aforesayde, shall be of as good force and effecte, as if the matter therin conteyned, had bene presented before the iustices of peace in their sessions. And also that iustices of peace in their sessions, and euery steward, vndersteward & deputy of stewarde, of any leete or lawedaye, in their leete or lawdays shall haue like power and auctority by vertue of this act, to enquyre by the othes of.xii.lawfull men, of all and singuler the heresies, felonies, contemptes and other offences aboue wrytten, done, perpetrate or committed within the limytes of their cōmissions and aucthorityes.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that euery such person or persons afore whom any presentment informacion or accusacion shalbe made & taken, as is aforesayd, shall examine the accusours, what other witnes were by and presente at the time of doinge and committinge of the offence, whereof the informacion, accusacion or presentment shall be made: And howe many other then the accusours haue knowledge thereof. And shall haue power and auctority to bynde by recognisaunce: To be taken afore them, as well the sayd accusours, as all such other persons whom the same accusours shall declare to haue knowledge of the offences by thē presented or infourmed, euery of them in.v.l'i.to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, to appere before the commissioners, afore whom the offendour or offendours shalbe tried, at the daye of the triall of such offendours.

And that all and singuler indentures, presentmentes, accusacions, informacions and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesayde, within.xx.dayes next after the taking of the same, shalbe certified in due fourme by writinge vpon parchement, by the taker or takers thereof, vnder hys or theyr seales vnto any one of the sayde cōmissioners to be appoyncted as is aforesayde within the limites of whose commission, the heresies, felonnyes contemptes and offences, whereof any such presentmente, inditemente, information or accusacion shall be taken or had, as is aboue written, shall be committed, done and perpetrat. And if any person or persōs, which hereafter shall happen to take any such accusacion, informacion, presentmente or recognisaunces as is abouesayd, do make default of the certificate therof contrary to the fourme aboue rehersed: that then euerye person and persons

sons so offendinge, shall forfaite to our soueraigne lorde the king for euery such default x.li.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aboueſayde, that the ſayde commissioners, or three of them at the leaſte, as is aboueſaide, by vertue of this act and their commission, shall haue full power and auctority, to make like proces against euery person or persons, indited presented or accused, in forme as is aboue remembred, as is vsed and accustomed in cases of felony, and that as wel within the limites of their commission, as into all other shires and places of the realme of Wales and other the kinges dominions, as well within liberties as without: and the same proces to be good and effectuall in the lawe as in cases of felony: And vpon the apparāce of any of the offendours, shall haue full power and aucthorite, by vertue of this acte, and the sayde commission, to here and determine the foreſayd heresies, felonyes, contemptes or other offences, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, and theffectes of this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the auctority aboueſayde that euery of the ſayde commissioners, vppon any such accusacion, presentmente or informacion, shall endeuour him selfe effectually, without affection dred or corrupcion to apprehende, & take the offendours: & after the apprehencion of any such offender or offenders, shall haue full power and aucthority to commit them to warde. And that the sayd cōmissioners, or two of them at ꝑ leaſte shall haue full power and aucthorite, to let any person or persons so accused or presented, vpon sufficiente sureties by their discrecions, to bayle, for their apparaunce to be tried according to the tenour, fourme and effecte of this acte.

¶ And further it is enacted by the aucthority aboueſayde, that if any person or persons, whiche hereafter shall be named and assigned, to bee commissioner or commissioners, as is aboueſayde, be accused, indited, or presented of or for any the offences aboue written, that then all and euerye suche commissioner or cōmissioners, so accused, indited and presented, shall be examined, put to aunswere, and tried of and vpon any such offence, according to the tenour and effect of this acte, before such other person or persons, as it shall pleaſe the kinges highnes to name, assigne and appoynt by his graces commission to here and determine the same.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctority aboueſayde, that no person nor persons, which at any time hereafter, shalbe accused, indited or presented, as is aboueſayd, shalbe admitted to the chalenge of any person or persons, which shalbe impanilled for the triall of his or their offence for anye matter or cause, other than for malice or enmitie, which chalēge shall forthwith be tried in like maner as other chalēges be vsed to be tried in cases of felony.

¶ And it is further enacted by the aucthority aboueſayde, that all forreine pleas, triable by the countrey, which at any time hereafter shall be pleaded by any person or persons hereafter to be arrained or put to aunswere vpon

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any accusacion inditement or presentment, or for any of the offences above specifyed, or of or for any of theim: shalbe tryed before the same commissioners, afore whom such person or persõs shalbe arrayned or put to answere, and by the iurours that shal trie the sayd offence or offences, without any further respecte or delaye.

And it is further enacted by the auctority aboue sayde, that all maiores sheriffes, stewardes, bayliffes of liberties, goalers, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condicion so euer they be, and euery of them shal from time to time truly and diligently receiue and serue all & all maner the proces precepts & commaundementes to them or any of theim by the saide commissioners or any of them to be made geeuen or directed, touchinge or concerning the premisses, or any parcell thereof, and shal also from time to time be obedient and attendaunt vnto ỳ said commissioners for the time being, for the due execution of this present act, or of any thing therein contayned.

And it is also enacted, that euery personne, which shalbe named to bee commissioner in the said commission, after that he hath knowledge thereof shal effectually put his dilligence and attendaunce in and about the execucion of the saide commission: and before that hee shall take vppon him the execution of the same commission, shall take a corporall othe before the lorde Chauncellour of Englande for the time beinge, or before him or them, to whom, the sayd lorde Chauncellour shall direct the kinges writte of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same. The tenour of which oth hereafter enseweth,

Ye shall swere, that ye to your cunning witte and power shall truly & indifferently execute the auctority to you giuen by the kinges commission made for correction of hereticks and other offenders, mencioned in ỳ same commissiõ withoute any fauour affection corruption or malice to be borne to any person or persons, as God you helpe and all sainctes.

And in case that any of the sayde persons named to bee commissioners refuse to take the said othe, or willingly absent or aloigne himselfe from ỳ takinge of the saide othe: than euery such personne so offendinge, and the same offence extreted or certifyed into the kinges eschequer by the sayde lord chauncellour, or by him or them, to whom any such writte of Dedimus potestatem, as is aforesaid, shalbe directed, shall forfaite and loose to our sayd soueraigne lorde the king, for euery time so offending, fiue markes of lawfull money.

And it is also enacted by the auctority aboue said, that the said commissioners and euery of theim shall from time to time haue full power and auctority by vertue of this acte, to take into his or their keepinge and possession, all and all maner of bookes, which bene and hath bene or hereafter shalbe set forth red and declared within this realme, or other the kings dominions, wherin is or ben conteyned or comprysed any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour forme or effecte of this

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present acte, or any of the articles conteined in the same: and the saide cõmissioners, or three of them at the least, to bourne or otherwise destroy the saide bookes or any parte of them, as vnto the saide commissioners, or vnto three of them at the least, shalbe thought expedient by their discrecions.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctority abouesayd, that euery person vicar, curate or parish priest of euery parish churche within this realme, or other the kinges dominions or his or their deputy, vpon the sonday next after the first day of September next ensuing, and so from thencefoorth once in euery quarter of the yere at the least, shall openly, plainly, and distinctlye reade this present acte in the parish church, where he is person, vicar, curate, parishe priest or deputy, vnto his or their parishioners thã assembled together, to heare deuine seruice. And that euery suche person, vicar, curate, or parishe priest, makyng defaulte of reading this acte, contrarye to the fourme aforesaide, shall forfaite vnto our saide soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, for euery such defaulte. xl s. sterlinge. Sauynge to all and singuler person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, (other then all and singuler such person and persons, that shalbe hereafter conuicted or attainted of or for any of the offences or contemptes aboue specified, theyr heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them) all such right, title, claime, interest, entre, possession, rentes, reuersions, fees, annuities, cõmons, offices, profites and demaundes whatsoeuer, as they or any of them haue, or thã at the time of the saide conuiction or attainder had shall haue of in or to any honours, castels, lordships, manours, landes, tenementes, liberties, franchises aduouson & other hereditamentes, whiche any suche person or persons, beyng so conuicted or attainted, as aforesayd, had or were intitled to haue at the time of their offence or offences committed, or at any time after: and that in as ample maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act had neuer bene had nor made, any thinge conteined in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alway, that the lordes shall not haue ne clayme any eschetes of any offendour or offendours, that shalbe iudged to be burned by auctoritie of thys acte.

¶ And because disputacions and doubtes might perhappes ryse hereafter vpon the wordes in this act, that is to say, aduisedly made to God: Be it therfore prouided and enacted, by auctoritye aforesayde, these woordes in the acte, that is to say, aduisedly made to god, for vowes of chastitye or wydowhed, shalbe al onely taken expounded & interpreted, to binde suche person or persons, and none other, sauinge priestes, to & by the same whiche at the time of any of their so vowinge, beynge therto admitted, were or shalbe of the age of. xxi. yeres or aboue, and then did or do consent submit them selfe or condiscende to the same, and continue or continued in ob-

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God ſaue the Kinge.